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Correspondence

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Sept. 29, 1873 - Sept. 27, 1875

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U.S. MINT

LETTERS

No. 12

From August 17th
1874 To March 6th 1875

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Aug 17 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty (30860) Dollars to reimburse you for Minor Coins issued.

Very Respectfully Yours

H C Hickok

Actg Superint.d

Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C

August 19 4

Sir

The mineral specimen enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst, has been examined by an expert in our Assay Department, who pronounces it to be galena, or sulphide of lead, containing about 20. or 30 per cent of lead.

The Mint does not assay ores, except to find gold and silver.

Very Respecty
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. John Miller.
Clearfield Bridge.
Pa

Augst 20 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I return the following assay reports, with the Assayers signature, as requested in your letter of the 18th inst, viz

Gold from 590 to 613 inclusive

Silver Nos 114. 164. 198. and 200 to 208 inclusive.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 20 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 17th inst, I herewith forward a statement "showing the amount and sections of the country from whence the demand for the various denominations of the minor coins for the quarter ending June 30. 1874. came."

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

M. W. Davis Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 20   4

Sir

In reply to your recent letter I have to inform you, that we use the old Winchester bushel in the U.S. for dry measure, and it is equal to 2150 $\frac{42}{100}$ cubic inches for the struck bushel; but is usually assumed to be 1/4 more for the heaped bushel. i.e. equal to 2688 cubic inches. In terms of the weight of water the struck bushel is 77 $\frac{627}{1000}$ lbs avoirdupoise. and the heaped bushel 96 $\frac{824}{1000}$.

We measure Charcoal by the heaped bushel.

Very Respctly

I. H. C. Hickok

Acting Supt

J. P. Lorsych Esq

Connellsville

Pa

Augst 20.

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst. with samples of ore. has been received.

One of the samples you sent was, iron pyrites (irone and sulphur). the other is a clay reddened with iron. of no value.

I may add that West Virginia sends us more samples than any other state, and yet I believe, no gold or silver has ever been found there.

Very Respectfly
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. Uriah Evans.
Cottageville
W. Va.

Augst 21 4

Sir -

I have this day forwarded to your address a box containing minerals belonging to Mr Wiedeman, as requested in your letter of the 20th inst.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. C. I. Cowles.
Assayer. U. S. Mint.
Charlotte
N. C.

August 21 4

Sir

I herewith forward for your approval the official bond of O. C. Bosbyshell, Assistant to the Coiner of this Mint, together with the accompanying affidavits, two in number.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 21 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $81.700. for the service of this institution during the month of September 1874.

There is a slight difference in the items, as compared with the last two months, to adjust the salaries and wages to the number of days in the quarter.

I have to respectfully request that the draft may be forwarded in time to reach me not later than the first of the month. It is not advisable to leave an important governmental establishment like this, for a single day, without funds to meet current expenses. When it does so happen, inconvenience and embarrassment are the results.

If there is any obstacle in the way of a prompt remittance, I wish to be advised of it.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 21. 4

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst. has just been received.

The Mint is not in condition to exchange silver coin for gold.

To accomplish your purpose, I respectfully suggest that you purchase with your gold, or authorize your agents in any eastern or western city, to purchase silver bullion at the most favorable market rates, then ship the silver bullion to the Mint, and we will convert it into coin for you, on the terms of the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

J. C. VanBlarcom Esq

Asst Cashier Bk of Commerce

St. Louis, Mo.

Augst 22 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint for week ending August 22. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 24 4

Gentlemen

Bids for the purchase of Ten (10) tons, more or less, of Copper ingots will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday September 8th 1874.

This Copper is the product of the Melting of the Old Copper Cent, and dealers and others are invited to examine it by making application at the Mint in the usual business hours.

The terms are cash upon delivery and the purchaser will remove the material at his own expense.

By authority and subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Benedict & Burnham
Manufacturing Co

August 24 4

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The terms are cash upon delivery and the purchaser will remove the material at his own expense.

By authority and subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint.

Frank A Crowell Esq
No. 3 Burling Slip

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

August 14, 74

Gentlemen:

Bids for the purchase of [illegible] tons, more or less, of Copper ingots, will be received at this Office untill 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday September 8th 1874.

This copper is the product of the Melting of the Old Copper Cent, and dealers and others are invited to examine it by making application at the Mint in the usual business hours.

The terms are Cash upon delivery and the purchaser will remove the material at his own expense.

By authority and subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Messrs Merchant & Co

Phila.

Aug. 26 '74

Sir.

Your letter of yesterday requesting the transmission of my Centenary Expense a/cs for June 30th (Supplemental) & July 1874, is at hand.

The Supplemental a/c is withheld for the completion of repairs to the machinery, which will prevent the rendering of that a/c until about the 1st prox.

The July a/c is open, awaiting the signature of an employé away on leave of absence, who will return about the 1st prox. I hope to be able to render all statements due you within a few days after the rendering of these a/cs.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

Aug 26th 4

F. C. Lutz Esq
313 Garden St
Phila.

Sir.

Your offer for the Refuse Iron, Brass & Steel for Sale at this Institution (per figures in yours of the 24th inst,) is accepted.

You are requested to remove the same at your earliest Convenience after settlement.

Respy Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

August 26 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward C/D No 6925 of this date from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $984.18 coin, as "deductions on bullion deposits" at the Denver Mint, being the proceeds of the coinage of two unparted gold bars of the gross value of $989.16 forwarded to this Mint for coinage by Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver.

I also enclose the Mint Memorandums No 815.

Hon.
B. H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

August 26 4

Sir

I herewith transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury a letter enclosing Cft No 6926 of this date, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $984.18 coin, as "Deductions on Bullion Deposits" at the Denver Mint, being the proceeds of the coinage of two unparted gold bars of the gross value of $989.76 forwarded to this Mint for coinage by Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, together with the Mint Memorandum No 816.

I also enclose Mint

Memorandum

(No 815) for your use. and duplicate of d which please forward to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, as directed on the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 26 4

Sir

The two unparted gold bars gross value $989.40 forwarded to this Mint on the 8th of August inst, for coinage, as per your letter of that date. netted the sum of $984.18 in coin. as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum No 815.

In compliance with your request I have to day deposited the amount with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. as "deductions on bullion deposits", and forwarded the original Cft to the Secretary of the Treasury, through the office of the Director of the Mint

I enclose triplicate Cft No 6926. as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Jacob L. L. Schirmer
Assayer in charge
U. S. Mint
Denver
Col.

August 27 4

Sir

I have this day sent you by Adams Express Co, Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250.000) in Eagles, in full of the proceeds of the recoinage of light gold coin, as per Mint Memorandum No 746 herewith enclosed. Duplicate of same No forwarded to you on the 12th inst.

Enclosed find Express receipt for the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

Aug. 28th 4

Sir

I return the enclosed letter for your signature, as I presume it was written by you.

Permit me to say in reference to the Minor Coins sent here from your Office for redemption, that the cent pieces *nickel-copper* and the bronze are mixed and not separated as required by law and regulation. - These should be separated by the parties forwarding them to your Office, and *unless separated should not be received*. The additional labor and expense in separating those sent from your office, are not only great, but it so interferes with our regular operations that our legitimate business is delayed. They must be separated before coming here. I have reported to the Director this omission to comply with the law and regulations, and hope that no cause for complaint will be found hereafter

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Thomas H. Hillhouse Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York

Aug. 28th 4

Mr. F. C. Lutz

To Mint of the U.S. ~~~~~~~~ Dr

For	300 lbs	Refuse Brass	@ 11 cts	$ 33.00
"	724 "	Steel	@ .02¼	16.29
"	13.931 "	Cast Iron	@ $13 per ton	80.85
"	1121 "	Wrought Do	@ $30 per ton	15.01
			Total	$ 145.15

Received Payment

Superintendent

Aug. 29th 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the Coiner's Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending August 29th 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D. C.

August 29 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I hand you copy of a letter received from Mr Roberts Assayer of the Royal Mint at London, by our Assayer Mr Du Bois, and copy of his reply to the same.

It is of course, very pleasant to have so much confidence placed in the work here, as to send a sample of their proof gold to us, to be compared with our own. It is no less satisfactory to find them precisely equal.

After reading these papers Mr Du Bois requested me forward them to you, to whom the will no doubt be equally interesting

Very Respectfully
J. Pollock Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Aug 29th 4

Sir

Herewith I forward Certificate of Deposit No 1301 for One Hundred and fifty One and 15/100 Dollars on account of Old Material Sold – viz – To F. C. Lutz

300 lbs	Refuse Brass	@ 11 ¢	$ 33.00
724 "	Do Steel	@ 02¼ ¢	16.29
13931 "	Cast Iron	@ $13 per ton	80.85
1121 "	Wrought Do	@ $30 " "	15.01
			$ 145.15
To John McGinnes			
8 Old Barrels		@ 75 ¢	6.00
			$151.15

Together with letter to Secretary of the Treasury which please forward to their proper destination

Very respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Aug 29th 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 1301 for One Hundred and fifty one and 15/100 Dollars on account of Old Material Sold Viz.

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				$ 145.15

To John McGinnes

8	Old Barrels	@ 75 ¢	6.00
			$ 151.15

Very respectfully

Ja. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Augt 29 4

Gentlemen

The piece of rock sent by you gives evidence of iron pyrites. If you wish it tested for silver, please send the mint charge, five dollars.

Truly yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs Dalby & Hogue
Sedalia
Mo

August 31 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward list No 87. August 29. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer at New York. in my favor for $250.000. coin, on a/c of the recoinage of light gold coin.

This is the balance of $1.080.000. received from the Asst Treasurer at New York, for recoinage.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
B. H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

August 31   4

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst, was received this morning.

In reply to your inquiries I herewith mail you, under separate envelope, three Mint circulars, explaining the terms and conditions on which gold and silver bullion is received for coinage. I should perhaps explain that "M" in one of the circulars signifies "thousandth." Pure gold and silver is 1.000 fine. U. S. gold and silver coin is 900 fine, that is. 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts alloy. Native ore is of almost all grades of fineness, but if it is very base or mixed with earth and stone &c. it must be melted down at some smelting works, and the impurities removed before sending to the Mint.

The Mint does not pay depositors in paper money, but if you so instruct him, the Express Agent could sell your coin for paper money, and remit the proceeds to you by draft, or Express, as you may direct. If you forward your bullion by registered letter, it would be at once handed over to the Express Agent to deposit for you, and account to you for the proceeds.

Jas Pollock
Very Respy
Supt

Mr. John Cassairt.
Elizabethtown
New Mexico

August 31 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward the following Stattments for the month of July 1874. viz.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

2 Gold and Silver deposits of domestic production.

3. Bars manufactured.

These reports have been delayed by the absence of the calculating clerk on his summer vacation.

Very Respectfully

J. L. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 31st 4

Sir

Your letter of 26th instant, enclosing a communication from N. B. Dodge of New York; has been received.

The matter has been referred to Prof. Booth, with request to investigate and report on the advantages, if any, of his Amalgamating Machinery for working Mint Sweeps. As no address was given of N. B. Dodge, Prof. Booth requests me to ask you to furnish the address so that he can correspond with Mr. Dodge. Please give number and Street, or such direction as will secure the prompt delivery of the letter. We have retained a copy of Mr. Dodge's letter and herewith return the original

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

August 31 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Report of Minor Coins Redeemed. Re-issued and Exchanged. at this Mint during the month of August 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 31st 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward the Coiner's Monthly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the month ending August 31st 1874

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Sept. 1st 4

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st of August, ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result: viz;

Gold	$662,519,50
Silver	68,588,32
Ordinary Account, Regular	27,068,00
Ordinary ac Minor Coinage	2,241,01
Minor Coinage	57.925.79
Minor Coins Exchanged	1,005.79
Minor Coins Re-issued	30,095,00
Minor Coinage Redemption	130,657,21
Total	$980.100.62

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 1 4

Dear Sir,

The mineral specimen you send, is well marked with the pyrites of iron and copper, often mistaken for gold. It may possibly contain gold (not visible) but it has not the character of gold-bearing matrix, and I doubt its being of any value.

If you wish it analyzed, the necessary expenses must be paid. (Five dollars.)

Respectfully yours

Jas. Pollock
[illegible]

Mr H. W. Anderson
Laurens, S.C.

Sept 1 4

Sir

The mineral specimen you sent is merely an ore of iron.

Respy yours

Jas [illegible]
Supt

Mr E. H. Vaughan
Waterford, Va.

Sept 1 4

Sir

The mineral you sent is sulphide of antimony, which is of little value.

Resp'y yours

Jos Henry
Secy

Mr Eliot Stalnaker
Meadowville W. Va

Septr. 1st 4

Sir

By request of the Director of the Mint I have had prepared, and forward to you today by Adams Express, a sealed box containing the following punches for the use of the Mint at New Orleans: viz.

Large Figures		10
Type		22
Punch to mark	1/4	1
Do "	1/2	1
Do "	$	1
Do "	Fine	1
Do "	Ozs.	1
Do "	No	1
Do "	Eagle	1
Do to carry Type		1
		40

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Dr. M. F. Bonzano
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans La

Sept. 1st 4

Sir

In compliance with your directions contained in your letter of the 5th of August, ultimo, I have had prepared, and forwarded today by the Adams Express, as per the enclosed receipt, to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, the following punches for the use of that Mint; viz:

Large Figure			10
Type			22
Punch to mark		1/4	1
Do	"	1/2	1
Do	"	$	1
Do	"	Fine	1
Do	"	Ozs.	1
Do	"	No	1
Do	"	Eagle	1
Do to carry type			1
			40

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I also enclose for payment the duplicate receipted bill of Mr. F. J. Reuthinger, $\$39^{25}$, for that portion of the work done out of the Mint, there being no charge for that done by our own workmen.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Sept. 2nd 4

Sir.

Your letters of yesterday requesting information concerning the Minor Coin Redemption a/c. have been received.

Enclosed I hand you a detailed statement of the entries referred to.

I do not understand how you can have any difficulty in adjusting your accounts, when I ~~consider that~~ for every deposit received at the Mint for Redemption, you are furnished with a Certificate, giving the number date and name of the party transmitting it. In the case of an Assistant Treasurer depositing, we always send you in addition to the Certificate (which contains his name) the Counter's report thereon. The aggregate of these should agree with the Transcript. Your request that [illegible] from Assistant Treasurers and Depositaries be returned in my Expr. Receipts, strictly will be complied with in future.

Coin received for Redemption, and found to be unredeemable; such as Silver 3c pieces, etc., are held subject to the order of the party forwarding them, they being first notified thereof. They are generally returned by mail, the expense being paid by the owners.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 2 4

Mrs. A. S. Bonsall.

Madam

There is due you on a/c. of your wages for the month of July the sum of $6.25, and as we desire that the a/cs for that month shall be closed I will be obliged if you will forward a power of attorney, certified to before a public magistrate, authorising Miss C. C. Thomas, or any person whom you may please to have act for you, to receive the same and sign the Rolls. As I am informed that you will not return for some time, I have to request that you will give this matter immediate attention.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. [illegible]

Superintendent

Sept 3d 4

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 22d of August, ultimo, with regard to procuring for our Cabinet: such of the new German Coins as are already issued.

Upon consultation with our Assayer Prof. DuBois, in charge of the Cabinet, I think it will not be expedient to procure any of the Coins referred to, until the series is complete.

Thanking you very kindly for your faithful attention to our interests, I remain

Very Truly Yours
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

B. F. Stevens Esq
London, England

Sept 3d 4

Sir;

Your letter of the 1st inst. received, I submitted the same to our Assayer Mr Du Bois, and after consultation with him I have in reply to your letter to say.

First. While there is a general, and often an exact, agreement between the assays of foreign coins as hitherto reported to you by us, and the assays of the same as lately reported to you from the Assay Office at New York, there are also some differences, both as to weight and fineness.

The differences, partly due to the various stages of wear, and partly to the want of exactness in some of the assayers, especially those of Mexico and South America, were to be expected. There is an advantage in having these trials made

made at two places; and I presume you will reconcile them by striking an average, where it is needed.

Moreover, as our tables contain many coins which theirs do not, and as theirs contain some which we could not procure, you are able to make these important tables fuller and more complete, for your next Report.

The name Rey (King) which the N.Y. Office gives to the new 5 pesetas of Spain, I think must be incorrect.

Secondly, the valuation which you propose, to give to the Silver (118c. per oz. Std) is undoubtedly the best for the present time.

Thirdly we have no alterations to make, except to strike out the two notes to our Gold table, marked ‡ and ||.

Lastly

Lastly, the paper which our Assayer is preparing for the Appendix, will I trust be ready in due time, and I shall forward it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

(N.Y. Tables
returned herewith)

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sept 4 4

Sir

Yours of the 3d inst has been received.

The Mint does not purchase old silver coins, but receives them on deposit as bullion, and returns the actual value in new silver coin. If your coins are old and in good condition, coin dealers would pay more than the nominal value; but only on inspection of the coins.

Mr Haseltine, whose card I enclose, can give you any information you desire on the subject.

Mess. Kimmel Bro.
Wisconisco.
Pa.

Very Respt'y
Jas. R. Pollock
Supt

Sept 4 4

Sir

I have to report that Miss. R. C. Budd. coining room, has been dropped from the pay rolls of this Mint, to date from August 15. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 5th 74

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday enclosing a copy of the letter of the Treasurer of the U.S. respecting the sum of $10.83 Silver 3ct pieces received from him for Redemption among a certain transfer of Minor Coins, is received.

The coin will be received as a purchase, and the difference between its nominal and real value made good to the Treasurer from the Silver Profits, as suggested by you. But as we cannot carry it to his credit as a Redemption we shall place it, subject to his order, in the Bullion Fund. There will be no difficulty in disposing of the coin in this way, providing that you are clear that it does not conflict with the letter and spirit of Section 27th of the Coinage Act 1873, where that

Section

Section directs the disposition of the balance of profits, after the deduction for Wastage etc.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Even if lawful, the precedent would be a bad one, and should not be repeated
J. P.

Sept. 5th 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward the Coiner's Weekly Report of the coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending September 5th 1874

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 5. 4

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th inst. has been received.

You err in your conjecture that Brass has been used in alloying our silver, for we have only used the Minnesota Copper, the best known in Commerce. Some of the silver forwarded to us, has occasionally contained a little lead, which may account for the Effects you have observed. Generally the silver of our Coin is tough.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. S. D. Brown
Albany N. Y.

Sept 7 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 2d inst, received this A.M. I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express, fifteen dollars in gold coin (1 eagle and 1 half eagle) received from you on the 20th of June last. I enclose the duplicate receipt of the Express Company, and have to request that you will send me by mail, a special acknowledgement of the receipt of the money, as my voucher.

Very Respectfully
J. [illegible]
Supt

John H. Brooks Esq
Deputy Collector
Canaan
Vt.

Sept 7 4

Sir

Your mineral specimens are white and colored quartz, very common, and of no value.

No one sells "mineral balls" in this region, and if they did, they would only cheat people out of their money.

Yours &c.

Jas [illegible]

Secy.

Mr Daniel Miller
Scipio, Jennings Co
Indiana

Sept 7th 4

Gentlemen

Yours of the 4th inst, enclosing draft No 6302 on Imp & Traders Nat. Bk New York for $325.00 for returns in Trade Dollars &c, has been received, and in reply I have to inform you that the Mint sells only proof Trade dollars and those at $1.50 in silver or $1.75 in currency, each. We will execute coinage for depositors of bullion on the terms of the enclosed circular.

The American dollars you speak of have not been coined since April 1. 1873, having been abolished by Congress.

Your draft is herewith returned.

Yours respectfully

Ja. Pollock
Superintendent

Messrs Crumb & Baslington
137 Ontario St
Cleveland Ohio

Sept 7 4

Sir

I have to request a further supply of blanks for monthly reports of Minor coins. redeemed. re-issued and exchanged.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 16 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward C/D of this date, in my favor, No 1328, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $14.591.26 to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. on account of unexpended balance of appropriations for the Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.

B. H. Bristow.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington

D.C.

Sept 7: 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward a letter of this date, to the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting Cft No 1328, for $14.591.06 the unexpended balance of appropriations for this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874. which I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. and will thank you to forward the same to the Secretary.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 8 4

Sir

Through some inadvertance there was a slight excess in one or two of the minor denominations of official postage stamps at the close of July, above the amount reported for June. To make a proper adjustment it became necessary to include July and August in our report, which I herewith enclose.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
B H Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 8th 74

Sir

I hand you herewith my Supplemental a/c. of Ordinary Expenses from June 30th 1874, due from the Appropriations of the last fiscal year.

I also enclose Statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the 2nd Quarter 1874; also for the period from April 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874.

I regret that you have had to wait so long for these a/c's, but it has been absolutely impossible to get our bills in any earlier, notwithstanding every effort has been made to induce creditors to bring them in promptly

Very Respectfully Yours

Ja. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Sept 8 4

Sir

I send you to day by the Adams Express.

In gold coin $18.42
in silver coin 14.02
$32.44

according to the enclosed Memorandums No 864, and 281. the proceeds of the recoinage of $19.00 gold. and $12.28 silver forwarded to the Mint from the "Cash Division" of your office, on the 3d of September inst, as per your letter of that date.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon
F. E. Spinner,
Treasurer U. S.
Washington DC.

Sept. 8th 4

Sir:

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to reimburse you for Bronze 2 cts Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and recoin

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Septr. 9th 4

Sir.

In answer to your letter of yesterday asking to be informed of the condition of the unexpended balances of the Appropriation 1873-74, I beg to state that the following sums are the amounts due to the individual a/cs. comprised in the Certificate forwarded to you on the 7th inst, Viz:

For Salaries	$ 100.
" Wages	6.068.97
" Incidentals	8.029.24
" Outstations	392.85
Total	$ 14.591.06

It has been our custom to deposit unexpended balances in the

way

adopted in this case, having been so instructed some 2 or 3 years since by the Department. Had I known that you desired to be informed of how the balance stood before depositing it, I could have held it for a day or two longer in order to give you time to arrange for the liquidation of the Gold Wastage. As it is, I hope you may be able to apply the balance with but little trouble; my anxiety to furnish you with the final and closing a/c's. and statements of the fiscal year, for which you had been long waiting, was my reason for my action.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Sept. 9 4

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for July 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 9th 4

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received this morning.

It is not the practice of the Mint to Exchange coins, but in this instance as a matter of special accommodation, if you will send me an unworn $10. gold piece I will return you a $10. gold piece of the Coinage of 1874. If you wish it sent by mail, it will be necessary for you to furnish stamps for the return postage.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Geo. A. Day Esq
Holland Mass

Sept 9th 4

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received this morning.

It is not the practice of the Mint to Exchange coins, but in this instance as a matter of special accommodation, if you will send me an unworn $10. gold piece I will return you a $10. gold piece of the Coinage of 1874. If you wish it sent by mail, it will be necessary for you to furnish stamps for the return postage.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Geo. A. Day Esq
Woburn Mass

Septem 9th 4

Sir:

I herewith forward for your consideration the following bids for about ten tons copper ingots the proceeds of the re-melting of the old copper cents on hand viz;

1. Merchant & Co	Philadelphia	19½ cts per lb.
2. Reger & Anderson Agent for the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Company	do	19½ " "
3. A. Harnickell	New York	19 " "
4 Nathan Trotter & Co	Philadelphia	18 " "

If this copper is to be thus disposed of, it would of course be awarded to Merchant & Co, and Reger & Anderson in equal proportions they being the highest bidders. But as copper is going up with every prospect of a still further rise, I suggest as a matter of economy and sound policy that none of these bids be accepted, but that the copper be sold to the Assay Office, New York and the Mint at Carson at the current market price to be used in refining Silver by the Sulphuric Acid process. They use large quantities of copper for this purpose. This copper will suit them as well as any other, and they may as well buy it of this Mint, as to buy other copper of private dealers.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Washington D.C.

Sept 10th 4

Sir:

Respectfully referring to your instructions of the 8th inst. with regard to the technical title of this Mint, and which will be cheerfully complied with, I desire to say that the letter head of the sheet on which this communication is written does not come within the prohibition of the Act of July 12th 1870 inasmuch as it is printed from type and not engraved from "steel" or "copper plate", nor is it "lithographed" although the style is an imitation of what has heretofore been lithographed. I wish very much to retain this style for our letter and note heads, and letter envelopes, because it is neat and appropriate for official purposes, and from long use has become characteristic of this institution, an ear mark readily recognized. It can with your consent be readily used for the full legal title of this Mint, as prescribed by the 66th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, without conflicting with the Act of July 12th 1870, and as it is a mere question of taste as to the style of type to be used hereafter in printing our headings, I hope to receive a favorable reply at your earliest convenience.

An order for a new supply of envelopes is now in the printer's hands, awaiting your decision

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P.S. I enclose two specimens of the proposed new headings

Sept. 10 4

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you a Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, as requested in your letter of yesterday. I covered the 15 months in the former statement, thinking you would like it in that form.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Septr. 10th 4

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 10th August last, you state that there is an appropriation of $1500— for the purposes of liquidating the loss incurred in the melting (and I suppose, selling) of the old Coppers redeemed.

I desire to ask whether this appropriation is available for the covering of the loss by melting and recoinage of the Bronze 1c & Nickel 3 & 5c Coins (mutilated) and also the Bronze 2c Coins which we have been recoining for some time past. As there is a loss in the recoining of all these pieces, (and we have no fund to meet it with, unless you decide that we

and charge it against our profits)
it appears to me that it would
be well to meet the loss at this
time, taking advantage of the a-
foresaid appropriation, if proper.

The Nickel 1c. pieces, as you
are aware, yielded a large gain, which
was duly paid into the Treasury,
by Transfer Order. We have been
reimbursing the Treasurer U.S. at
the rate of dollar for dollar, on the
Bronze & other Coin having a loss,
as we could not well tell just
what the loss due to each transfer
ing and thought this the least
troublesome mode of doing, to prevent
embarrassment. Please favor me
with your views on this point and
authorize me to enter the loss, if
proper, on my next transfer of Bronze
Coin from the Account of the Fund.
hoping to be enabled [illegible] to the

the Minor Coinage Profit & Loss a/c.
by retaining sufficient Coin from
the Redemption Fund after recoin-
ing and transferring the remainder
to the Treasury on Transfer Order;
The Treasurer will then have the
benefit of the appropriation of
$7500- and can notify me of his use
of it, and I can charge him with
it in his Statement.

I have not yet ascertained
what the loss on these meltings and
recoinages is, but will give it my
attention in a few days. Meanwhile
I should like to hear from you in
regard to it.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint

Sept. 11th 71

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me as soon as you can, what loss has occurred in the melting of $93.390- Minor Coins as follows, Viz-

Bronze 1 & 2 c. Coins.	Ozs 893,785.07 =	$90.820
Nickel 3 & 5 c. " Do	. 7255.40 =	2570.
Total	Ozs. 901.040.47	$93.390

This information is required in order that the a/c. of the Treasurer U. S. may be adjusted, and it is therefore important that your estimate should be as accurate as possible. Please reply as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Prof. James C. Booth
Melter & Refiner
Mint U. S.
Philada

Sept 11 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst, to the Director of the Mint at Washington, referred to me for answer, I have to state that our Engraver expects to have one pair of dies ready to strike experimental pieces for the proposed international coin, in about ten days from this date.

Very Respt'y
Jas Pollock
Supt

Dana Bickford. Esq
No 689 Broadway.
New York.

Sept 10 7.

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst has been received.

Several thousand gold dollars were coined in 1871, but none are now in possession of the Mint. Your application will therefore have to be made to Bankers, Brokers, or Coin Dealers. The Mint does not keep gold or silver coins for sale, except proof sets of the current year.

Very Respy

Jas Pollock
Supt

Sanford. H. Newton. Esq
Rouses Point
N. Y.

Sept 11 '4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, I enclose for your information and guidance a copy of the Treasury circular of March 24. 1873. and have to add that the size of the bags above the minimum $20. is immaterial, they may be $25. $50 or $100. as may suit your convenience. but it is essential that the different kinds and denominations of minor coins shall not be mixed or put together in the same bag. The old copper cents must be in a bag by themselves, the bronze one cent pieces also by themselves, and the copper-nickel one cent pieces the same. The 2's 3's and 5's must also be separated from each other, and from the one cent pieces.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Wm E Davis. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
Cincinnatti
Ohio

Sept 11 4

Sir

The coin enclosed in your letter of the 9th inst, is a two real piece, ("Cob money" of Mexico) The date is worn off. The larger portion of this style of coinage appears to have been issued before the year 1740. and a few as late as 1770. It is evident, from their appearance, that they were struck with a hammer, In Mexico they are known as "Wind mill or cross money". There were full setts of these coins struck from the doubloon ($1600) down to the sixteenth of a dollar. value of two real pieces 25 cts. Not rare. Coin Dealers value about 50 cts.

Yours Respty
Jas Pollock

Alex McFarland. Ptisbg.

Sep. 1st 4

Sir

I hand you herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for August 1874.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept
Washington
D.C.

Sept 11 74

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of Gold Workings in the Coiners Department of this Mint, from July 30. to August 24. 1874. inclusive.

Also Statement of Silver Workings in the same department, from July 13. to August 29. 1874. inclusive.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 11 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 9th inst, I have answered Mr David Pickfords letter to you of the 7th inst, from New York, and informed him that our Engraver expects to have one pair of dies ready to strike experimental pieces for the proposed international coin, in about ten days from this date.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 12 4

Sir

The metallic button you sent is Lead.

Our charge for assay is five dollars. but no charge is made in this case.

Resp'y yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr C. G. Thompson
Crittenden Springs
Kentucky

Sept. 12th "

Sir

I hand you herewith the weekly State-ments due from this Office.

The Sum of $10.83 received from Charleston S.C. for your credit has been purchased by the Mint as Bullion, in accordance with the directions of the Director of the Mint, and the loss paid from the Silver Profit Fund. (See Memorandum) As we cannot carry the same to the Redemption Fund, I have given you credit for it in the Bullion Fund, not having any other way of disposing of it.

Yours Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 12th 74

Sir;

Your letter of Sept 11th 1874 in relation to the value of the 20 Soles of Peru has been received. As requested I submitted the same to Mr Du Bois, our Assayer who report as follows: "In the Annual Reports up to 1867, the 20-Soles of Peru was correctly stated; weight 1.035, Value 19.21.8. In 1868. a printer's error made it 1.055, and 19.21.3; and so it has run ever since; a 5 put for a 3, and a 3 put for an 8. The calculation in the Director's letter is very far out of the way. The value is $19.21.8. not $19.58.4."

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director, &c
Washington, D.C.

Very Respectfully
Supt.

Sept 12 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Sept 12 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 12 4

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. in reply to mine of the 5th inst. in relation to the recoinage of the $10.80 *Three cent silver coin* sent here by the Asst Treasurer of New-orleans, with minor coins for redemption, has been received.

You seem to have misapprehended the true spirit of my letter, and of the added clause, "Even if lawful the precident would be a bad one." &c.

From all the correspondence in the case *two* points have been presented, 1st. The recoinage of old or light silver coin. 2d. The adjustment on payment of the difference between the *nominal* and true value after coinage, out "of the silver profit fund" of the Mint. I fully admit that old and light silver coins have been recoined here by order of the Secretary of the Treasury without express authority of law, but in no instance has the difference above indicated been paid out of the silver profit fund; and especially since the Coinage Act of 1873. The power to do this last I doubted, and on a close reexamination cannot change my opinion. In this view of the case I said "even if lawful the precedent would be a bad one &c." meaning thereby that "*even if lawful*" *to* recoin old or light silver, which I admit, the precedent of paying the difference between the nominal and actual value of such coin, would be a bad one. and should not be repeated. Now whether I am right or wrong in this opinion let us look at the 27th Sec of the Coinage Act of 1873. And here let me say that as to the questions raised, I have no personal feeling in the matter, only a desire that myself and all others may be right. Their quiet discussion can do no harm.

By the 27th Section "the gain arising from the coinage of such silver bullion &c "shall be credited to a special fund denominated "the Silver Profit fund." This fund shall be charged with the _wastage_ incurred in the silver coinage, and with the _expense_ of distributing said coins as herein after provided" From this fund payment for two, and only two purposes can by law be made, _wastage in coining_ (not difference in nominal and actual value) and expense of distributing; the balance after such payments to be paid into the Treasury. _Two_ purposes being expressed, all others are excluded. This is one of the very plainest principles of construction. There is no other silver profit fund under the law, and the restrictions therein apply to that fund. Thus in my view, and as I intended to say. '_recoinage_ may be lawful; payment of differences in values out of the silver profit fund may be contrary to law, and bad as a precedent.

The copper cents were, it is true, melted and the bars were sold, and by authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, the loss thereon was paid from the profits. This was under the old regime, when there was no specific law governing the disposition of the minor coinage profits, but justified by necessary implication from the powers granted. But we now have a law on the subject of silver profits, and I do not see that the loss on the silver coins now offered can be paid from that fund. ~~[illegible]~~

Before receiving any communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, or yourself, on the disposition of these 3 ct silver coins ($4.80) I wrote to the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans, informing him of the fact that this amount of silver had been found in his minor coins, that we could not redeem it, but would receive it as a purchase, and send him the proceeds, or if preferred, would hold the original coins subject to his order: treating this as an ordinary purchase. In my opinion this is the easiest simplest and best plan for all such cases, relieves from all difficulty in our accounts here, and refers the adjustment of the differences in value to the Assistant Treasurer who makes the deposit, and the Treasury Department.

Since the coinage Act took effect, we have

had-coin from the Treasurer U. S and have recoined them, and the net proceeds only were placed to his credit in the Bullion Fund. For instance in June 1873. the sum of $1004. in old silver dollars were recoined for him, and by direction of the Secretary the gain was paid into the Treasury on certificates of deposit. So also was the gain on $16.200. Mexican coin from Asst Treasurer at New Orleans. viz. $691.41.. In July 1873 we recoined $\$690^{00}$ silver received from the Asst Treasurer at Chicago; it netted $\$6552^{44}$, and that sum only went to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. in the Bullion Fund. In our own case, when in August 1873 we recoined

$6360.27 silver coin. the gain thereon viz $127.77 went to the credit of our own Bullion Fund. We received from the Asst Treasurer, Boston, the same month $36000. subsidiary silver coin of the old issue, it was worn and abraded, and only recoined $35507.81; the loss in this case, as in the former cases, was not borne against our profits. In September we recoined $409.30 3 ct pieces for the Treasurer U.S. they netted him $347.29, for which sums only he received credit. In the case of a lot of Santa Fe coin which made a profit by recoining of $224.70 the net profit after paying loss on gold therein, was paid into the treasury. So that in no case has the Profit and Loss Account borne the loss of abraded coin, between its nominal and intrinsic value.

I have thus given you my opinion freely, and whilst I may differ from the views taken by the Authorities, I have only to say that as their order relieves me, and my sureties, from all obligation, I will cheerfully comply with their suggestions and requests.

On the subject of the recoinage of the minor coins, and the adjustment of the loss by reason thereof, the practice of the Department under the old and new law is justified upon the principle that such power is necessary to carry into effect the letter and Spirit of the Acts relating to the Minor coins and their redemption.

The $10.80 was deposited as suggested by you and the proceeds added to our bullion fund.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

N.B. Since the above was written your letter of the 11th inst, Saying that after careful consideration you had concluded to ask in the Annual Estimate $5000.00 for the recoinage of the Gold and Silver coins in the heading [illegible] This is eminently proper and relieves from all trouble in the adjustment of losses. J.P.

Sept 14 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. I send you to day by the Adams Express, one U. S. Ten dollar gold piece of the coinage of 1874, in exchange for one received from you this A. M. by express.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Geo A Day, Esq
Woburn
Mass.

Sept. 14 4

Sir

I have to request that you will send me a copy of your letter of April 15. 1873. referred to in your letter of the 11th inst, in regard to the recoinage of certain redeemed minor coins, It has been mislaid and cannot be found.

Also please send me, for a few days, my letter to you of April 9. 1873. that we may take a copy of it, our letter press copy is illegible. I will return it promptly.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Sept 12 7

Sir

The coin referred to in your letter of the 11th inst, is a Brazilian piece, worth one dollar. We do not need it for our Cabinet, the American half dollars you designate are of no extra value, unless perfectly uncirculated. We are fully supplied and do not need them.

Very Respetly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. O. M. Brady.
702 W. Lake. St
Chicago.

Sept 14 7

R. L. Strange Esq.
Bellaville. Ga.

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst. offering various old silver coins for sale to the Mint has been recd.

The two larger coins are Spanish quarters, (25 cts) the other one-eighth of a dollar (12½ cts) and are only worth their intrinsic value.

We have plenty of them.

Very Respy
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Sept 14 4

Sir-

In compliance with your request of the 10th inst, I have caused a careful search and examination by our deposit clerk, and the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Company, assisted by two other employees, of the record of over ten thousand deposits, from the 1st of January 1861. to the 1st of October 1861. without finding any entry of a deposit in the name of Chas S. Johnson, or in the name of the Adams Express Agent for Chas S Johnson. If such a deposit was made, it has evidently been made in some other name; or Johnson may have sold the

the gold dust to outside parties, instead of depositing it at the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
John Jay Knox.
Comptroller of the Currency.
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 14th 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from your Minor Coinage Redemption Fund and Reissued.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 16 4

Sir

You will please forward to the Mint, at your early convenience, one barrel of your "Black Star Liquid Anti Incrustator", and present duplicate receipted bills for payment.

I send this order merely to test the Anti Incrustator upon our boilers to see what it is worth for the purposes stated in your circular.

Very Respty

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. Wm Remmysons.
Norristown
Pa

Sept 16 4

Sir

I have made the following changes and promotions, to date from September 1. 1874. and respectfully submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

1. Theo. K. Vogle. Messenger per diem increased from $5.– to $5.50. on the grounds of faithful and meritorious service.

2. William Birnbaum. Messenger per diem increased from $3.20 to $3.50.

3. C. A. Voorhes. promoted from Roller, in the Coining Department at $3. per diem. to be Conductor in the general Department

at $3 50/100 per diem.

4. Charles W Steel, promoted from Night Watchman in the general department at $2 75/100 per diem, to Engineer in the Coining Department at $2.90 per diem, vice. John Clapper, removed.

I have also made the following transfer, to date from October 1. 1874.

5. Joseph Briers. Cutter in the Coining Department, at $3. per diem. to be Night Watchmen, in the general department, at $2 75/100 per diem. vice. Chas M. Steel, promoted.

The reductions recently made in our working force, enables me to make the foregoing changes, without

injustice

injustice to the Government.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 15, 74.

Sir.

Since the receipt of yours of the 18th April 1873 authorizing the recoinage of Minor Coins redeemed, we have recoined to, say June 30th 1874,

Nickel 1c. pieces .... $ 72.540.

which alone, in confirmation of the estimated gain as stated in my letter and estimate of April 9th 1873, produced for the United States nearly $29.000 profit. We have also either recoined or have in process of recoining from April 1st to date, Bronze 1c. pieces $ 3.620.

Bronze 1c. pieces		$ 3.620.
Do 2c.	Do	97.200.
Nickel 3c.	Do	870.
Do 5c.	Do	1.700
Total		$ 103.390

the loss on which is found to be, by [illegible] average of metal submitted by the Melter & Refiner, five eighths of one per cent (i.e. 0.006¼.) This then would make the amount due the Profit & Loss to the Credit of [illegible] Coin already melted $[illegible] which, as I have already stated, we have not charged the Treasurer U. S. with but which should now be adjusted.

The mode I suggested in my letter of the 10th inst. would [illegible] better than any other I can think of.

I might add that no Coppers melted down have been sold since April 1st 1873.

Very Respectfully Yours

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept
Washington
D.C.

Sept 1st [illegible]

Messrs. Reger & Anderson, Esqs.
No 17 North 4th St
Phila Pa

Gentlemen

Your bid for Copper offered for sale, per my letter of Aug 20th 1874, being equal to that of another party. I have to request that you will reconsider it and report at an early day.

You are also requested to make your bid on the entire lot.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Sept 1st

Mess. Reger & Anderson, Esqs.
No 17 North 7th St
Phila Pa

Gentlemen

Your bid for Copper offered for sale, per my letter of Aug 24th 1874, being equal to that of another party, I have to request that you will reconsider it and report at an early day.

You are also requested to make your bid on the entire lot.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Sept 17th "

Messrs Merchant & Co
507 Market St Phila.

Gentlemen,

Your bid for Copper offered for sale, per my letter of Aug 20th. 1874, being equal to that of another party, I have to request that you will reconsider it and report at an early day.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Superintendent.

Sept. 17th 4

Sir

Yours of the 16th instant, asking under what authority mutilated minor coins are redeemed, &c; has been duly received.

The coins are redeemed under the laws and regulations relating to the general redemption of minor coins. A mutilated coin does not mean with us a clipped coin, or one reduced in value by other means, but simply a coin battered, bruised or otherwise injured in appearance as to be unfit for reissue. Their nominal value is unimpaired, or at most, some few have a small hole that so little affects their value as to be unappreciable. When clipped, punched largely or battered so as not to be easily recognized, they are rejected.

But those redeemed here from March 1871 to date have been very few: percentage in value viz:

5¢ pieces less than one half of one per cent.
3¢ " about two per cent
1¢ bronze " two per cent &c.

These (or most of them) have been recoined and the loss from *mutilation* over the usual loss in recoinage is so small (if any) as to be unworthy of notice. The law authorizes the redemption of minor coins; and they do not cease to be minor coins because they may be battered, bent or bruised, and therefore we cannot refuse to redeem them. They are in this regard like bank notes,— if capable of identity and recognition they must be redeemed. A torn, blotted, blurred and dirty bank note is a bank note still, and redemption follows on presentation.

The coins redeemed at the Assistant Treasurer's are of the same general character as those redeemed here, and about the same per cent mutilated. Some of the Treasurers are more careful than others. When minor coins sent here by Assistant Treasurers are mutilated in the manner de=scribed in this communication they are rejected.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Sept 18 4

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst has been received this A. M.

The Mint does not redeem or exchange gold or silver coins. If your halves and quarters are of dates prior to 1873, (when the new coinage law went into operation) we could receive them as bullion, and melt them down, and coin them into Trade Dollars for you, at a coinage charge of fifty cents per 100. as you will see by the enclosed circular, to which your attention is called. But a Trade Dollar is worth $1.10 in silver, that is ten cents in silver more than two halves, or four quarters, so that if the halves and quarters you propose sending are entirely unworn, it would require $500. of them to equal 500 trade dollars, besides the coinage charge. The Trade Dollars are intended for the China and East India trade, where most of them go.

Very Resptly
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

J. Lang. Jr. Esq
Burlington
Vt.

Sept 18 4

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst, has been received to day.

As a matter of accommodation the Mint assays mineral specimens, but only for gold and silver, not for lead or other base metals. We do not assay more than two samples for any one party. Half a pound each, not picked, but a fair average, will be abundant for the assay. The ore must be accompanied by $5.00 currency for each specimen, to defray the cost of the assay.

Very Respt'y
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. S. L. James.
No 8 Howards Row
Memphis.

Sept 18 7

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst, was duly received.

On submitting it to the Adams Express Agent located in the Mint building, he informed me that he received a package of gold weighing 8 $\frac{70}{100}$ ounces August 29th. with an Express tag from Santa Fee. New Mexico, but no name on it. Supposing it to be the gold referred to in a letter from M. Traner, in July, the coin, $137.71. was forwarded by Express Sept 1. 1874.

Very Respctfly

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. M. Traner.
Cimarron
N. M.

Septr 18 4

Messrs Dalby & Hogue
Gentlemen

The mineral specimen sent by you, consisting of carbonate of lime with iron pyrites, has been carefully assayed, and found to contain no trace of silver or gold.

Mint charge $5 received.

Respectfully yours

Ja. Pollock
Supt

Messrs Dalby & Hogue
Sedalia
Missouri

Sept 18 .4

Sir

The minerals sent by you are the commonest kind of claystones, of no value.

Respy yours

J A [illegible]
Supt.

Mr. J. A. Sipe
Summer Hill
Cambria Co
Pa

Sept 19 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending September 19. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 19 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward copy of a letter received this morning from the First National Bank, Santa Fe, New Mexico, inquiring if we could furnish them free of expense, 5 cent nickels to the amount of $500. or $1000.

The Adams Express Agent here informs me that Omaha is the western limit of the contract of his Company with the Treasury Department for the transportation of minor coins, and that he could not take coins for delivery at Santa Fe, under the contract, nor does he know on what terms coin would be delivered at that point.

As I have other inquiries for minor coins from points beyond the limits of the contract of the Adams Express Company, it becomes important to know what can be done for the accommodation of these distant points. I therefore refer the matter to you for such action as may be deemed advisable, and will defer a reply to my Santa Fe correspondent until I can hear from you on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 19 4

Sir.

In reply to yours of the 17th inst inquiring how I arrive at the sum of $290.000 as the profits on the recoinage of the 1c nickels from April 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874, I would say, that I stated that sum approximately on the basis that $100 would yield $400 – Taking the sum of $72.500. at this rate, would give a profit of $290.000. There were of course, other metals worked, but to a comparatively small extent, and the approximated profits on the entire operations were about $390.000. Comparing this result with the estimate in my letter of the 15th, I considered the same as being satisfactorily established and made a simple allusion to it in passing. On making a closer examination however, I find that the total 3 & 5 cts Coinage for the 15 mos

was ———————— $ 330.290 –

which arose from the recoinage of the greater part of the 1 ct Nickels delivered to the Melter & Refiner, and which were 72.540.

leaving the sum of $ 257.750.

as nearly the profit thereon.

At the settlement on June 30th 1874 there remained in the hands of the Melter & Refiner a large portion of a recent delivery of 1 ct nickels, in the shape of ingots, which were delivered in settlement, so that the above figures are within the truth. In working this a/c. it is difficult to discriminate and approximations must be relied upon.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H R Linderman
Director of the Mint

Sept 19 4

Sir

I herewith forward a communication from William E. DuBois, Esq. Assayer of the Mint at Philadelphia, upon Spectroscopic Assay. The subject is one of great scientific interest, and the Assayers letter is, in my judgment, of sufficient practical value, and importance to justify its publication at length in the Appendix to your next Annual Report, and I respectfully suggest that it be given to the public in that connection.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

Sept 19 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst by Express, enclosing $12. gold coin, to be exchanged for other coin designated, has been received.

We have no $5. gold coins of 1874 on hand at present, but may perhaps have some in a short time, though I cannot say definitely, how soon.

The Mint does not strike any silver dollars except the "Trade Dollar" which is the only U.S. silver dollar now authorized by law and is worth $1.10 in silver. If you want two of them, you will have to send

25 cents additional in silver to cover that difference, and the cost of exchanging your two gold dollars for silver, to make our bullion accounts right.

Very Respectfully
Supt

R. M. Brasher Esq
Care Asst Treas U.S.
Cincinnatti
Ohio

Sept. 21 4

Cashier
U. S. Mint

You will please deliver to the Melter and Refiner for Melting and re coinage, from the Base coin Redemption Fund Ten Thousand (10.000 $\frac{00}{100}$) Dollars in 1¢ nickel coin as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873 and letter of 23d Jany. 1874

Respectfully

Supt

Sept 21. 4

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date, for the sum of Thirty One thousand, Seven hundred Dollars, for the service of this Mint, for the month of October, 1874; and am very desirous that the draft may be forwarded by the first of the month if possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 21st

Sir:

Herewith I return your rough draft of a proposed new Minor Coin Redemption Circular, accompanied by a substitute which I submit for your consideration, and which seems to substantially cover the ground. Under the terms of the 30th Section of the Coinage act of 1873 it is clear to my mind that the letter of the law does not authorize or require this Mint to receive Minor Coins for Redemption, and under the sweeping and comprehensive repealing clause of the 67th Section of the Coinage Act there is no other law governing the case. I have prepared the form of the proposed Circular in accordance with this view, but it can be easily modified if the old regulations are to be continued. The Mint can be added to the list of Redemption Offices if you deem it advisable

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

L.R.C.

Mint of the United States
Philada Sept. 25 /74

Thos C. Acton Esq.
Superintendent
U.S. Assay Office
New York

Sir.

Your bid for the Copper Cent Meltings (transmitted to the Director of the Mint) being somewhat below that of several others, I have to respectfully inform you that the same is declined.

Yours Respectfully
H.C. Hickok
Acting Superintendent

L.R.C.

Mint of the U. S.
Philada Sept 22d 1874

Messrs Rezeau & Anderson
No. 17 North 7th St.

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the 20 000 lbs (more or less) Copper Ingots, viz 20 1/16 cents per lb, being the best, I have to inform you that the same is hereby accepted. You are requested to call and remove the same if possible on Thursday next, and accept the thanks of

Yours Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Sept 22 4

Sir

In the temporary absence of Ex Gov. Pollock Supt of the Mint, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst, with the enclosed remittance of $5 and the box of mineral specimens by Express, to which it refers.

The stones you send are of the commonest kind, bearing a few specks of shining pyrites, (iron and sulphur) which have misled you, and are of no value.

If you insist upon having the assay made, we will do it when we get time, but would prefer to return the money, and not put you to a useless expense.

Please let us know by return mail what to do with the money.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr.
W. L. Manges.
Sunbury
Pa

Sept 22 4

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst, enclosing check on New York for $6. currency, and requesting five dollars in silver half dollars in return, has been recvd.

The Mint executes coinage to order for depositors of bullion, but does not keep gold or silver coins for sale. except "proof setts" of the current year. We are not able therefore to fill your order, as it would be illegal, and I herewith return your check. Your application should be made to banks or brokers, who deal in coin.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

H. H. Combs. Esq. Cashr
New Albany. Ind.

Sept 23d 4

Sir:

Yours of the 2[illegible] inst is received. Enclosed herewith I send you by the Adams Express two (2) United States Five dollar Gold pieces of the coinage of 1874 and also return the two gold dollars forwarded in your letter of Sept 19th. This exchange is made as a matter of accommodation being outside of the regulations and practice of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

R. M. Brasher Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Sept 23d 4

Sir:

The facts called for in your letter of the 19th inst. are as follows.

We have six Boilers 25 feet long by 40 inches diameter. Attached to each boiler one mud drum 13 feet long 30 inches diameter.

Boilers opened & cleaned last July, found scale on them from 1/16 to 1/8 of an inch; expect to clean them next December; 2 sets or 4 boilers in constant use; one set idle, set blowed off every week & existing quantity of water evaporated about 20,000 galls per day, water supplied from Schuylkill water works.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Supt

Wm. Remington Esq.
Norristown Pa

Sept 23d 4

Sir:

In the temporary absence of Ex Gov. Pollock Supt of the Mint, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this morning of your favor of the 8th of August ult. together with the pamphlet explaining your modes of Assaying.

Regretting that you have not received the Reports to which you refer I will send you by this mail via Brindisi & Bombay another copy of the Director's Report for 1873 and the pamphlet on Spectroscopic Assay. The next Annual Report will be published in December, and a copy will be promptly forwarded to you. Our Assayer in whose hands it has been placed is greatly obliged for your pamphlet on Assaying. The next Annual Report it is expected will contain an article from him, on the same subject especially on the Spectroscopic experiments.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
[illegible]
Acting Supt

To Hon. Col. H. Hyde
Master of Her Majesty's Mint
Calcutta
East India

LBL

Sept 24th 4

Sir:

By authority of the Director of the Mint, under date of Sept 10th 1874. I have to inform you that I have disposed of 21.173 pounds of Copper Ingots to Mess Reger & Anderson at the rate of 20 1/16¢ per pound = $4247.83 This copper is the result of the melting of a portion of the Old Copper Cents redeemed.

As it is desirable that this account should be closed by the end of the month, I will thank you to draw your Transfer Order for the above sum if possible at once, and also to adjust the loss from the appropriation of $7500 for that purpose. Will you also please notify me at the same time of the number of Draft issued to cover the loss so that I may adjust the loss in your account by the 30th inst.

The tale value of the above was $9387.31
Proceeds of sale 4247.83
Loss to be adjusted from appropriation $5139.48

Very Respectfully
H. S. Hicks
Acting Sup

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington. D.C.

Sept 24 4

Sir

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, it was deemed advisable to invite new bids for the copper ingots resulting from the melting of the old copper cents, the only bid received was that of Rogers Anderson of this city at 20 7/10 cents per pound, which was accepted. The copper was delivered yesterday and the money paid. The amount was as follows.

21,178 lbs @ 20 7/10 = $4.447.08.

I have by this mail reported the sale to Hon F. E. Spinner, Treasurer U.S. with a view to the adjustment of the a/cs.

A duplicate of that letter is herewith enclosed for your information.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 24 4

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 23d inst, I have to state, that upon examination I find that we can receive and store the redundant one and two cent redeemed minor coins, amounting to over $3.000. that have accumulated in the office of the Asst Treasurer at New York. They can be forwarded to us at any time that may suit the convenience of the New York office.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint

Sept 24 7

Sir

Your letter of the – inst and the design by Express, for the proposed ship wreck medal, were received this A.M. and have been forwarded to Hon. H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint. Treasury Department. Washington D.C. to whom they should have been sent in the first place, and with whom you will please communicate hereafter.

Very Respectfully
H E Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. Morton Christensen
787 First Avenue
New York

Sept 24 4

Sir

The enclosed letter from Mr. Morton Christenson, 757 First Avenue, New York, was received this morning. His design for the proposed shipwreck medal was also received and has been reshipped to you to day by the Adams Express Company. Mr Chrisanson has been notified of this fact, and requested to communicate with you, direct, hereafter.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Sept 24 4

Sir

Referring to your letters on the subject, of February 26th 1874, and September 17th inst, I herewith forward an Estimate submitted yesterday by the Coiner of this Mint of the number of blanks for gold coins and Trade Dollars that could be adjusted per day, by one adjuster.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Sept 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst has been received.

The Mint does not make, or deal in, strips or sheets of rolled gold such as your letter calls for, and it would therefore be out of our power to furnish them. Your application should be made to private parties.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. P. G. C. Hunt.
Indianapolis
Ind

Sept 24 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 23d inst, I herewith return the $5. you had forwarded for the intended, but unnecessary, assay of a box of stones.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. H. L. Manges.
Sunbury
Pa

Sept 20 1

Sir

The recoinage of $800. light gold coin forwarded by you to the Mint on the 16th of Sept inst, according to your letter of that date, produced $799.81. in new gold coin, which latter sum was yesterday deposited, in accordance with your directions, with the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at Philadelphia, in your name, on a/c duties on imports.

I enclose duplicate Cft No 64. Also two Mint Memorandums No 929, one for yourself, and one for the information of the Treasury Department in the adjustment of of your accounts.

I have to request that you will send to the Supt of the Mint, a special acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter and its contents, as his voucher.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Geo. C. Stevens. Esq
Collector of Customs.
Milwaukee
Wis

Sept 29 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith forward the Melter and Refiners Statements of the Gold and Silver meltings during the month of August 1874. together with a copy of his accompanying remarks and explanations.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Sept 26 4

Dr. A. C. B. Hinkle.
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst. has been recv'd.

I regret to say that there is no vacancy in the Mint, the Government having also ordered a reduction of the force, it will therefore be impossible for me at this time to comply with your request.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Sept 26 4

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, you will please prepare, at your early convenience, the following dies for the Mint at San Francisco, for the year 1875. viz

Double Eagle.	Obverse	12.	Trade Dollar.	Obverse	24
" "	Reverse	6.	" "	Reverse.	24
Eagle	Obverse	4.	Half "	Obverse	6
Half "	"	4.	Quarter "	"	4
Quarter "	"	4.	Dime	"	8
Three Dollar	"	2.			66
One "	"	2.			
		34.			

The dies for the Double Eagle, Eagle, & Trade Dollar and the Half Dollar should be [illegible] & 3/4 inches in length, the others of the usual length

Very Respy

Jas. Pollock Supt

Wm Barber Esq

Engraver,

Sept 26 4

Sir

I enclose herewith the Coiners Weekley Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending September 26. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 26 4

Sir

The mineral specimen forwarded by you on the 21st inst. is magnetic iron merely. The Mint does not assay ores, except for precious metals.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. G. L. Sharpe.
Powelton.
Pa

Sept 26th 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 1997 for $59.38 on a/c of Old Material Sold, as follows;

To Jas Pollock, Supt 1 Remnant Oil Cloth	$ 2.00
2 Old Chairs $1.00 and 1 Brush .25	1.25
To W. H. Cooper 13 Old Barrels @ 40¢	5.20
To H. Cochran 103 lb old Iron @ 1½	1.55

Cash rec'd of J. C. Booth Melt for Old Material Sold as follows

Sold to	C. J. Crease	Cent Liquor	$29.00	
Do "	Morrison	Furniture	6.00	
Do "	Boulter	Fire Brick	2.50	
Do "	White	Old Crucibles	6.10	
Do "	Boulter	Fire Brick	2.50	
Do "	Do	Crucibles	3.25	49.35
				$ 59.35

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secrety of the Treasury
Washington D.C

Sept 26 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No. 1397, for $59.38 on a/c of Old Material Sold as follows;

To Jas Pollock, Sept 1 Remnant Oil Cloth	$ 2.00
Two Old Skins $1.00 & 1 Pitcher 25¢	1.25
To W. H. Cooper 13 Old Barrels @ 40¢	5.20
To J. C. Cochran 105 lbs Old Iron @ 1½¢	1.58

Cash recd of J. C. Booth M & R for Old Material Sold as follows

Sold to C. J. Creane	Cent Liquor	$29.00		
Do " Morrison	Furniture	6.00		
Do " Boulter	Fire Brick	2.50		
Do " White	Old Crucibles	6.10		
Do " Boulter	Fire Brick	2.50		
Do " Do	Crucibles	3.25	49.35	
				$59.38

Also Letter to the Secretary of the Treasury

which please forward to their
proper destination

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 28 4

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 24th inst has been recvd.

The Mint does not keep fine silver for sale, but if you will deposit silver bullion, we will convert it into fine silver for you, on the terms of the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Thos Russell & Son.
No. 57 Yonge St.
Toronto
Canada West

void
see page 179

Sept 28. [illegible] 4

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand (10.000) Dollars to cover the expense of Minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund recoined.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Septr. 28 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand (10.000) Dollars to reimburse you for Minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund, recoined.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
DC

Sept 28 7

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst, to the Director of the Mint, has been referred to me for answer.

The pattern pieces of the proposed new 20¢ silver coins, are not yet prepared. Your order will be placed on file, and the pattern pieces supplied when ready, on the terms of the enclosed circular.

It is not proposed to strike a new ten dollar piece.

Very Respt'ly
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Jeremiah Colburn. Esq
Prest. Boston. N. Society.

Sept 28th 74

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst, enclosing draft for $108,90, and also, package of 3¢ silver pieces, by Express, have been received. The 3¢ pieces can be received only as bullion, deposited as such, and recoined, and the amount received therefrom sold for currency; ~~the~~ currency in turn exchanged for minor coins.

The 3¢ pieces, after recoinage, would not make the amount claimed by you, ($41.10) but the probabilities are that if the proceeds are sold the premium on silver will make up the difference.

An early reply will oblige

Yours respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

J. A. Guion Esq
Cashr Natl Bk of
New Berne
N. C

Sept. 28 4

Sir

Agreeably to your letter of the 22d inst. the Tables of weight, fineness, and value, as ascertained here and at the Assay Office at New York, have been revised under the superintendence of our Assayer, and are herewith returned (by Express.)

The items of gross weight, and fineness, were found to be correct, or correctly averaged where that was necessary.

In the standard weight, we differ from you in three places; and in value, fourteen places. As these were proved by two calculators, we think they must be correct. They are, however, submitted to your revision. The differences are mostly slight.

To prevent mistake and confusion, where it can so easily happen we have made the corrections lightly in pencil, on the face of the Tables: they are easily removed.

Two alterations are made in the printed "Explanatory Remarks," to suit the different composition of the Tables. I need not say, that if the Mint price of standard silver is other than 118 cents, at some of the Mints, this also should be noted.

Very respectfully
your ob't servant
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sept 28 4

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst, was duly received.

The Contract with the Adams Express Company to deliver minor coins at the expense of the Mint for transportation, does not embrace points so remote as Santa Fe.

Upon referring the matter to the Treasury Department through the Director of the Mint, at Washington, I am informed that the Treasurer U.S. will forward a quantity of 5¢ nickle coins to the U.S. Depository at Santa Fe for disbursement, and am instructed to inform you that any coins of that denomination that you may require, will be supplied to you upon application to that office, at par, in exchange for U. S. currency.

Very Respectfully

Supt

S. B. Wheelock, Esq
Asst Cashr 1st Nat Bk.
Santa Fe
N. M.

Sept 28 7

Sir

The order for dies for the Mint at San Francisco of the 26 inst. was duly received.

In the order they requested that certain dies be made 1/4 inch longer than used. Our Engraver is of the opinion that the additional length would be injurious to the dies, and of no possible benefit. He has given his views on the subject in the enclosed letter (copy) which you will please read and consider, and, if you deem it advisable, send same to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco for consideration. If the suggestions of the Engraver are approved, the dies will be prepared in accordance with them: if not the directions in the order shall be carried into effect.

At the earnest request of the Engraver I enclose a copy of his letter.

Awaiting your reply I am.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 28 4

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 18th inst, requesting that reclamation be made on the "Union Line" for an overcharge of $16.57, coin freight charges on six barrels saw dust forwarded to the Mint at Carson on the 12th of August last. I find upon applying at the rail road office that we cannot take the first step in the matter without producing the B/L and freight receipt, which are not in my possession, having been mailed to your predecessor in office on the 13th of August. If you will return them to me, I will see what can be done to get a refund of the overcharge referred to.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

James Crawford Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev.

Sept 29 4

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th inst has been received.

In reply would inform you that there is no premium on the cents of 1857-8. or of any other year. They contain no gold or silver.

Yours truly
Jas Pollock,
Supt
per W.b.R.
Supts Clerk

Mr. N. L. Daniels.
North Adams
Mich

Sept 29, 7

Sir,

The printed draft of the new minor coinage circular herewith returned, is entirely satisfactory. It seems to cover the whole ground, in general and in detail, leaving no room for doubt or misapprehension, and when issued will relieve the Mint, the Treasury Department and the public from much embarrassment.

Referring to your letter of the 28th inst. and previous correspondence on the subject, I remark briefly.

1. That the right and policy of recoining such of the minor coins as yield a profit on the operation,

cannot be doubted; but I am further of the opinion that it would be legal and proper, under the law authorizing the redemption, for the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the recoinage of those coins that would not pay a profit, and charge the difference to the minor coinage profit and loss account, as the aggregate profit would very largely overbalance any possible loss. But as a matter of expediency, it might be well to obtain the previous sanction of Congress, if you prefer to do so.

2. The best disposition that could be made of the redeemed 2¢ bronze pieces, would

be

to withhold them altogether from the Mint, and store them exclusively with the Asst Treasurers, and U. S. Depositaries, to be paid out again to the public in the course of business; which the Mint could not lawfully do, under the 17th Section of the Coinage Act. This would relieve the Mint, utilize the bronze 2¢ pieces, and accommodate the public, with whom that denomination of coin is, to a large extent, still popular.

2. In cleaning redeemed minor coins, we find a large number of counterfeits that could not be detected in their dirty condition when presented for redemption. In a single lot of $1000. from one of the

Asst Treasurers, eighteen dollars ($18.) of the amount, when cleaned, proved to be counterfeit. These had already been redeemed and paid for, and the loss, unless I can be relieved in some way, will necessarily fall upon me. It is remarkable that more counterfeits were discovered in lots received from the Asst Treasurers, than in all that were redeemed in the first instance at the Mint. This loss should be charged to the profit and loss account by a special order from the Secretary of the Treasury, or I should be reimbursed or exonerated by an act of Congress. The former course would be attended with the least trouble and difficulty.

The most of the counterfeits are 5¢ nickels, and the skill with which they are executed makes it difficult, in the vast multitude of pieces sent in for redemption, to always detect, and throw them out.

I believe this covers all the points not yet disposed of in this correspondence. If any thing has escaped my attention, you will advise me of it.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 30 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of September 1874.

I also enclose copy of letter from the Coiner calling attention to an error in the weekly report for the week ending September 12. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 30 4

Sir

It is contrary to our rules to receive deposits for coinage of less value than $100. but as a matter of accommodation in this instance, we will receive the silver coins mentioned in your letter of the 28th inst, as a purchase, at the rate of 118 cents per standard ounce, and return you the proceeds in half dollars, or quarter dollars; but as the silver 3¢ pieces coined prior to 1853, contained more than one tenth alloy, you will probably lose from ten to fifteen per cent by the operation. Circular enclosed.

Very Respy

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. J. Jessop.
York. Pa.

Sept 30 4

Sir

Your letter of Sept 29 th, has been received, inclosing your Assayers report of assays of test coins of our Sept issue.

I have also received by Express the value of the coins in fine gold and silver, as follows.

In fine gold 928-8 grains
" " silver 1307-6 "

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Thos. C. Acton
Supt Assay Office. U. S.
New York.

Sept 30 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result. viz.

Gold	$1.549.363.78
Silver	235.392.21.
Ordinary Afc. Regular.	19.723.11.
" " Minor Coinage	00 000 00
Minor Coinage	55.194.49.
Minor Coins Exchanged	1.105.79
" " Reissued	44.495.00
" Coinage Redemption	128.333.24
Total.	$2.033.607.62

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed. Reissued, and Exchanged at this Mint during the month of September 1874.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

W. E. D.

Octr 1 4

Sir

The minerals (not ores) sent through you from Noble County, Ohio, are

1. A common silicious rock, slightly studded with iron pyrites.

2. A powdered mixture of silex and pyrites.

This mixture of iron & sulphur (pyrites) is a very common cause of deception, as it has some little resemblance to particles of gold.

Very respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon: H R Linderman
Director U. S. Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Oct 1. 4

Sir,

I have to request that you will forward us, say, about two dozen blanks for the monthly Statement of Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Chief Clerk of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Oct. 2d 4

Sir

In the temporary absence of the Superintendent of the Mint, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, asking that one of your clerks, Mr. James C. Pollock, be detailed to accompany you as Clerk on your proposed visit of inspection to the Western Mints. His former experience and superior qualifications make this selection an eminently suitable one for the purpose, and Mr. Pollock will report to you for this official service on the 10th instant, as requested in your letter.

Very Respectfully Yours

H. C. Hickok

Acting Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Oct 2 4

Sir

Your letter of Sept 30th returning two mutilated 5¢ copper nickel coins, has been received and I herewith enclose you the amount, 10¢, in new fractional currency.

We have from time to time received many tons of minor coins for redemption, the daily arrivals sometimes being very large. By order of the Treasury Department the redeemed 5¢ copper nickels are cleaned, and such of them as are fit for the purpose, are reissued instead of coining new ones. The public demand for 5¢ pieces was so extremely pressing some time ago. that we were obliged to add temporarily to our experts in this service, a number of examiners and counters from other departments of the Mint, who had not been trained to the business. As a consequence, some unsuitable coin escaped detection, and were stupidly suffered to get into bags filled for reissue. Immediately upon this discovery, the entire lot was returned to the counters for reexamination, but some few pieces had already gone out to the public, amongst others, the two that you have returned.

Very Respy

B. B. Northrop, Esq. Cashr } H. Hickcock
Racine. Wis } Acting Supt

Oct 2 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following statements for the month of August 1877.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of Domestic Production.
3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 3 4

Sir

I have this morning rec'd your letter of the 1st inst, enclosing gold draft on New York for $50. and requesting a remittance of its value in new quarters and dimes.

The Mint executes coinage, to order, for depositors of bullion, but does not keep gold or silver coin for sale, or exchange, except "proof setts" of the current year. Your application should be made to Banks or Brokers who deal in coin.

Your draft is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

J. E. Stevenson, Esq
No 63. West 4th St
Cincinnati, Ohio

Oct 3 4

Sir

The enclosed duplicate bill of E. Morwitz & Co proprietors of the "New Age," comes to us for payment when we are no longer in funds to pay liabilities incurred during the last fiscal year. I forward the bill to you to see if any means can be devised for its payment, without a deficiency appropriation. It is very difficult sometimes to get bills presented in season.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint,
Washington

Oct 3. 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending October 3d 1874.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 5th 4

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for September 1874.

Respy Yours
L. Fornuel
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 5 4

Sir

Your letter of the 3d. ult inst, applying for a situation for a young lady, has been received.

I regret to say that, by order of the Government we have been reducing our force, and as there is no vacancy in the Mint, it is not in my power to comply with your request.

Very Respty
Ja Pollock
Supt

Mr. O Howard Wilson
Phila

Oct 5 4

Miss
Beckie Hyndman.
Mauch Chunk
Pa

Your letter of the 1st inst, applying for a position in the Mint, has been recd.

By order of the Government we have been reducing our force, and may have to make a further reduction and as there is no vacancy in the Mint, with a large number of applications in advance. I am unable to comply with your request.

Very Respftly
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Octr. 5th 4

Sir:

As the following Sums, being the differences between the nominal and real Value of Coins recoined or Sold remain unsettled up to this time, I would respectfully ask your attention for the purpose of having the Same adjusted at as early a day as may be Possible, Viz-

Balance recoinage of light gold Coins	- $11.258.20
Loss on old Coppers recently Sold	- $5.139.48

Will you please have me notified when the Drafts are passed to the credit of these a/cs?

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Octr. 5th 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Thirty Thousand (30000.) Dollars, to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from your Minor-Coinage Redemption a/c, and reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Oct 5 — 4

Sir

Your duplicate bill of $23.50. for 1 Bble Anti Incrustator, was duly received.

All bills against the Mint of over $10 — can only be paid by the Superintendents warrant on the Cashier, which warrant must be receipted, at the foot, by the person who draws the money.

If you cannot call for the money in person, you will have to authorize some person, by an authorization on the back of both bills, signed by yourself, to draw the money for you, and remit it to you in any way you may direct. I herewith return

the bills for that purposed,
with the power of authorization
on the back of one of them
in pencil, for your guidance.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Lesley
Supt

Mr. Wm. Rennyson. Esq.
Norristown,
Pa.

Oct 6 4

Sir

If you will have your enclosed duplicate bill against the Mint $5.10 for advertising in May last, duly receipted in the firm name, by member of the firm, and returned to me, I will mark my approval, and forward them to the Treasury Department for payment, I learn by this mornings mail that payment can still be made by the Department.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs. L. Morwitz & Co.
No 14 & 16 So 7th St.
Phila

Oct 6 4

Sir

The Mint does not make, or deal in gold plate, as called for in your postal card inquiry of the 3d inst. your application should be made to private parties who work the precious metals

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Eugene G. Orvis.
Madison
Wis

Oct 6 4

Sir—

I herewith enclose the affidavits of Frank Harvy, Frank Garrigues, Thos Mirkel. Prof Booth. and N. B. Boyd, in the "gold bar" case. With the exception of the Statement of Frank Harvy, there is not even a suspicion of wrong in the whole matter; and his affidavit is a series of suspicions, groundless and improper. He does not pretend to say that any wrong was done, or intended; only he suspects Garrigues by reason of certain acts of his, that are fully and satisfactorally explained by Garrigues. Prof Booth. Mr Boyd and

Mirkel. Harvey seems to be jealous of Garrigues; and in complicity with outside parties, whose names he positively refused to disclose to me on his examination, he evidently intended to compromise, to say the least, the reputation of Prof Booth, and Garrigues, for integrity and fidelity in the discharge of their duties. The affidavits speak for themselves, "To the pure all things are pure: suspicions dwell with those who know their own baseness and want of merit. The more I see and hear of this case, the more I regret that these suspicions had not been communicated to me, as they ought to have been, before being made a subject of official report to you. They are wholy gratuitous, and only calculated to do mischief.

Very Respectfully.

Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 6 4

Sir

In addition to what I have said in relation to the counterfeit 5¢ copper-nickel coin found in the redeemed minor coinage, I herewith enclose copies of communications received from our Cashier, Mr Cobb, and our Assayer, Mr DuBois on the subject for your consideration.

It is a subject, I think, worthy of the attention of the proper authorities.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Oct 7 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst, I herewith return Mint Receipt Nos 329. and 347. duly corrected in accordance with the facts, as per your request.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Supt

Hon.
D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Oct 7 4

Dear Sir

On opening your box of stones, we find in them a few patches of lead ore, & some specks of quartz crystal which perhaps you thought an indication of silver.

It is so useless to assay minerals of this sort, that I would prefer to save your money ($5) and send it back.

If you insist on the assay, we will proceed with it.

Respy yours

Supt

Mr S. L. James
near Crittenden Springs
Crittenden Co. Kentucky

Octr 7 4

Dear Sir,

The mineral sent by you is an ordinary sandstone with some indication of lime — entirely worthless.

Yours respy
Jas. Reed
Supdt.

Mr John S. Davis
Armstrong's Mills
Belmont Co.
Ohio

October 9th "

Thos. C. Acton Esq
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

Sir:

Mr DuBois our Assayer request me to forward to you, the enclosed copy of his letter to me of the 9th inst. thanking yourself and your Assayer for the detailed statement of Mexican Dollars of the Chihuahua Mint. In complying with his request, I am,

Yours Very Respectfully

Superintendent.

October 9th "

Sir:

Mr DuBois our Assayer requests me to forward to you the enclosed copy of his letter to me of the first. thanking the Supt. and Assayer of the New York Assay Office for a detailed statement of Mexican Dollars of the Chihuahua Mint. In complying with his request I am,

Yours Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

October 9th 4

Sir

The two boxes of designs for the "Merit" and "Life Saving Medals" referred to in your letter of the 1st inst. were duly received by Express, and in compliance with your request of that date, and of the 28th of September ult. I have given them a careful examination, in connection with other officers of the Mint.

The collection generally was remarkable for poverty of design, and fell far short of the ideal intended to be represented by the proposed medals; and some that were neat in themselves were not of a character to be properly brought up on a medal surface.

As a result of the examination, the four following designs have been selected as the most meritorious in our judgment, though most of these are rather suggestive of what might be designed, than suitable for adoption as they stand.

1 Design for the "Merit" medal by A. [illegible], Washington D.C. marked No 22 on your list

2. Design for the "Motto" by [illegible] & Co. New York, marked No 52 on your list.

3. Design for the "Motto" by John Varlin, New York, marked No 10. on your list.

4. Design for the "Motto" by H. C. McCully Philadelphia, marked No 23 on your list.

Since the designs were received, but before the boxes were opened, Mr Barber, Engraver of the Mint, submitted a design in plaster prepared by him for the obverse of the "Life Saving Medal" which possesses much merit.

These four designs, together with the model prepared by Mr Barber, will be forwarded to you today by Express, together with their accompanying communications. The other designs I shall retain for further instructions.

We are unanimous in the opinion that none of the designs are entitled to the premium offered by the Department, and in returning to you the designs selected, I recommend that all the designs be referred to the Officers of this Mint, for the purpose of getting up a design for each of the proposed medals that would more fittingly symbolize their intended object.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

Oct 9th "

Sir:

Your letter of 5th inst was duly received

The U. S. Mint never struck a gold coin of a larger denomination than the Double Eagle ($20).

The only Fifty dollar gold pieces that I know of were struck by private parties in California before the admission of that State into the Union. Their shape is Octagonal. If you wish to get any of them your application should be made to private Coin dealers. The Mint cannot furnish them.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr. A. Kramer
St. Louis, Mo.

Oct 10. 4

Gentlemen,

From this date you will please reduce the quantity of ice delivered to the Coining department, 100 lbs per day; and to the Melting & Refining department, 60 lbs per day, leaving the delivery to each of those departments 60 lbs per day.

By order of the Supt
H. B. Kirkbride
Chief Clerk

To the
Knickerbocker Ice Co.
435 Walnut St
Phila

Oct 10th 4

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 9th inst I have to report that we have an ample supply of Nickel for the next three or four months.

Referring to the same letter I hereby make application for authority to withdraw from the "Redemption Fund" and melt and re-coin the copper nickel one cent pieces; also the mutilated copper nickel three cent and five cent pieces and all ^of the same^ that may be unfit for re-issue after cleaning.

The profit on the re-coinage of the copper nickel one cent pieces will be so large as to cover all loss on the re-coinage of the other coins named and leave a large surplus

Very Respectfully

Ja. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director U.S. Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 10th 4.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith I forward state-ment of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the week ending this day Oct. 10th 1874.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Crawford
Superintendent

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director U.S. Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 12. 4

Sir,

The sample of Stone referred to in your letter of the 9th inst. has been duly received, and proves, upon Examination, to be a very common Sandstone, of no mineral value, whatever.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. M. W. P. Monroe
Captina
Belmont Co.
Ohio

Oct. 12 4

Sir,

In compliance with your telegraphic request of the 10th inst. I forward you to-day by the Adams Express Company, four boxes of designs for the "Merit" and "Life Saving" medals.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Octr. 12th [illegible]

Sir:

I would respectfully direct your attention to the fact that the Gold Wastage of the Mint for the period from April 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874, as referred to in my letter and Statement of July 28th 1874, has not yet been covered, and in its present Condition, is an encroachment upon the Bullion Fund. The balance of the Wastage of that period which was not covered by the charges was $12.093.67

Of this Sum I estimate that 7.174.04

is due to the recoinage of light gold Coins for which no charge was made. As it is desirable that the old account should be closed, I will thank you to confer with the Officers of the Treasury with a view to having the matter adjusted as early as possible, as indicated in your favor

favor of August 1st.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 12 4

Sir,

I herewith forward Statement of Gold workings and Silver workings in the Coining department of the Mint, during the month of September, 1874.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

October 12th ″

Sir:

I herewith forward C/D. of this date, No. 1152, from the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for Eighteen hundred and one (1801) dollars, in gold coin, deposited by me to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. as amount of gold coinage charges for the third quarter of 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

Oct 12th 4

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter of this date to the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting C/D. of this date No. 9151, from the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for Eighteen hundred and one (1801) dollars, in gold coin, deposited by me to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S as amount of gold coinage charges for the third quarter of 1874. I have to request that you will forward, both documents to the Secretary.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

October 13th 4

Sir

Your bill for the Bankers Magazine for the current year herewith returned must be presented in duplicate and receipted by the Publisher himself in order to be approved by the Auditing Department at Washington. I will then remit the amount by mail or Express as you may direct.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

I. Smith Homans Esq
Publisher Bankers Magazine
New York

Oct 16 4

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received.

No half cents have been coined by the U. S. Mint since the year 1857. Your application should be made to private coin dealers, as the Mint only furnishes proof setts of the current year.

Your remittance of 10¢ currency is herewith returned

Very Respftly

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.

R. J. Hill.

Palmyra.

Mich.

Oct 13 4

Sir—

Enclosed herewith I forward my report of official Postage Stamps used at this Mint during the month of September 1874.

In reply to your circular request of the 5th inst, for a report of stamps used during the month of August last, I have to state that I enclosed July and August in one report, on the 7th of September last, for reasons stated in my letter of transmission of September 8th. a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

J. Pollock

Supt

Hon. B. H. Bristow.
Secy of the Treasury.

Oct 16 4

Sir

Your duplicate receipted bill of the 14th inst, for the Bankers Magazine for the current year, has been received. and I enclose my check for the amount (five dollars, $5.) as per your request.

I desire to terminate the Mint subscription to the Magazine, at the close of the year covered by this remittance, and have to request that you will mark it on your books to be stopped at that time.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

I. Smith Homans, Esq
Pub Bankers Magazine
New York.
P.O. Box No 4574.

Oct 16 4

Sir

Having received the B/L's from the Director of the Mint I have to report that the Union Line has undertaken to effect a reclamation of the freight overcharge of $16.58 coin, on six barrells of saw dust forwarded to the Carson Mint August 11. 1874, and I presume we shall hear from them in due time.

The Continental Line only guaranteed their rate $2.00 per 100 lbs to Sacramento, on four boxes acid shipped to your Mint August 8. 1874. and received by you Sept 10. and they inform me they can do nothing in the matter of the overcharge of $26.96 coin

until

until you secure from the agent at Sacramento a document showing the overcharge up to that point, and that when this is received they will settle the difference promptly.

If you will procure and forward to me the desired statement I will immediately submit it to the Company for the purpose of settlement.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Buel
Supt

James Crawford. Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson
Nev-

Oct 16 64

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst was received this morning, advising me of the shipment by Express of $221.50 light gold coin for which you desired me to return you "correct" coin.

The Mint is a manufacturing institution, and executes coinage to order for depositors of bullion, but does not exchange gold or silver coins. I infer from the tone on your letter, that you expected the full tale value of your coin in return. But the appropriation by Congress to cover the loss on the recoinage of light gold coin, applies only to light gold coin in the vaults of the

U. S. Treasury, and not to that held by private parties. Desiring to advise you of this fact, I applied to the Express Agent to hold back your coin, until I could communicate with you, but found that he had made the deposit and it was already in the melting pot, beyond reach, so the loss of recoinage will fall upon you.

The Express Agent will return you the nett proceeds in a few days in new coin, the Mint does not pay depositors in checks or drafts.

I enclose a circular for your information.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. Wm Fisher & Sons.
Baltimore
Md.

Oct 16 4

Messrs Albright & Miller
Gents
The three mineral specimens sent by you are varieties of iron pyrites, differently associated with earthy matter. They are of no value.

Respy yours
Supdt.

Grafton
W. Va.

Oct 16 4

Sir

I have to day received by mail five boxes of annual assay coins from the Carson Mint, for the quarter ending September 30. 1874. as per your advices of the 8th of October inst.

Very Respectfully
Supt

James Crawford Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev

Octr 16 9

Sir,

The mineral specimen forwarded by you for assay, contains silver, seven ounces per ton of 2000 lbs. say nine dollars value. — Gold, a trace.

Mint Charge $5 received.

Respy yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

S L James Esq
No 8 Howard's Row
Memphis. Tenn.

Oct 17 4

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst, with samples of ore enclosed, has been received.

Upon examination it proves to be silex and some iron, a very common stone, of no value.

Yours truly
Jas Pollock
Supt
per W. S. P.
Supts Clk

Jacob F. Kister.
Sugar Valley.
Pa

Oct 17 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending October 17th 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 17 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand (10.000) Dollars to reimburse you for Coin withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and recoined.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 17 4

Sir

In reply to your letter (D.K.M.) of the 16th inst, I have to report that we have on hand this day in the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund the following *mutilated* coins, unfit for reissue, viz.

Bronze one cent coin	$542.29
Copper nickel three cent	779.01
" " five "	2,102.30
	$3,423.60

In addition to the above there are on hand the following, "retired" minor coins, that under the terms of the 17th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, cannot be reissued, and therefore can with propriety be melted

down

down or recoined, viz.

Old copper one cent coins	$ 3.739.34
"Copper nickel" " " "	79.274.26
"Bronze" two cent coins	6.963.28
	$ 89.976.88.

I have authority now to melt down the old copper cents, and to re~~[illegible]~~issue the bronze one cent pieces, but it would be well to include them in any new order that may be issued.

It would be sound policy, and greatly conducive to the public convenience and the interest of the Government to recoin all the bronze and copper nickel coins included in the foregoing statement. There would be a loss in melting the old copper cents, and recoining the bronze one cent, and

and copper nickel three and five cent pieces. but there would be a profit of about 350 per cent on the recoining the "copper nickel" one cent pieces, enough to cover all the loss on the other coins, and leave a surplus of about $200.000. net profit to the Treasury.

Aside from this profit to the Government, there is a pressing necessity for the proposed recoinage, in the large and constantly increasing demand for minor coins, the orders received during the first half of the current month of October, amounting to nearly $20.000. with urgent requests to forward the coins immediately. if possible. which

we

we are not always able to do.

Very Respectfully.
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon.
Chas. F. Conant.
Asst Secy Treasury.
Washington
D. C.

Oct 19 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst, requesting the preparation of 47 obverse, and 18 reversed dies for the Carson Mint "for the calender year," does not state *what* year. I suppose the year 1875 is intended, but wishing to be certain on this point, I write for further information.

Very Respectfully.
Jas Pollock
Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq.
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Octr 19 4

Dear Sir

I am sorry to say, that my last letter to you was in error; the report was intended for another party.

Your mineral has not been assayed, as it gives no promise of any return; and I therefore repeat my wish to return your money to you.

Very resp'y

Jas Pollock
Supt.

S. J. James Esq.
8 Howard's Row
Memphis
Tenn.

Oct. 19 4

Dear Sir

The mineral sent by you for assay, contains silver, seven ounces per ton of 2000 lbs. say nine dollars. $9. —

Trace of gold only.

It is therefore not available to work.

Respy yours

Rec.d $5.–

Supt.

Dr. Albert Churchill
Nevada
Vernon Co.
Missouri

Oct 19 4

Sir

I herewith forward the following statements for the month of September 1874. viz.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

2. Gold and Silver deposits of Domestic production

3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 20 4

Dear Sir

I duly received your letter of the 13th of Sept, asking a discount on medals issued by the Mint, or a commission for selling them, and proposing to print and distribute 1000 medal circulars at your own expense.

I have given your proposition careful consideration, but am of opinion that under the law and regulations I have no authority to make such arrangement, certainly not without the sanction and approval, under the present Mint laws, of the Director of the Mint, with the concurrance of the Secy of the Treasury.

The Director is now absent

in California, but on his return, a few weeks hence, I will confer with him on the subject.

Very Respftly

Supt

Mr. John W. Hasseltine
1225 Chestnut St
Philadelphia

Oct 20 4

Sir

In pursuance of the provisions of the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. I have appointed Mrs Emma Biddle, an Adjuster in this Mint, from the 1st of November proximo, at $1.75 per diem. vice Miss E. L. Boyd. resigned and submit the same for your approval.

The Coiners letter to me nominating Mrs Biddle, is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Oct 21 4

Sir

You will please prepare at your early convenience, the following dies for the U. S. Mint at Carson, for the callender year 1875. viz.

Eighteen	(18)	Obverse.	Trade Dollar	Dies
Five	(5)	do	Half	" "
Four	(4)	do	Quarter	" "
Four	(4)	do	Dime	" "
Eighteen	(18)	Reverse.	Trade Dollar.	"
Six	(6)	Obverse	Double Eagle	"
Four	(4)	do	Eagle	"
Four	(4)	do	Half Eagle.	"
Two	(2)	do	Quarter	" "

Very Respt'ly

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver.

Oct 21. 74

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $31.700 for the service of this Mint for the month of November 1874.

I have to specially and earnestly request that the draft for this amount may be forwarded to me by the begining of the month. I do not see that any thing is to be gained by delay, whilst a prompt remittance would greatly facilitate the smooth and comfortable working of this institution.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint,

Oct 21 4

Sir

I herewith forward statement of coin deliveries and Annual Assay coins reserved at this Mint during the quarter ending September 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 2. 1877

Sir

The Coiner reports to me that the condition of many of the medal dies in use in this Department is such, that it is almost impossible to produce creditable medals therefrom, and recommends, that these dies be taken up by the Engraver and reproduced. The principle defects are on the bodies of the dies, which can be remedied without a great deal of difficulty. He proposes to furnish a list of those requiring attention, at the earliest possible date, but directs notice now to two,

requiring

immediate attention, to wit,
Reverse of No 2 – Maj Gen Gates.
do " " 4 – Jno Edgar Howard

You will please put these dies in good condition without delay,

Very Respftly

Supt

Wm. Barber, Esq.
Engraver

Oct 22 7

Sir

I have carefully considered the inquiry in your letter of the 19th inst. with every wish to give a satisfactory answer.

The outfit of a Mint, even on a small scale, requires a great variety of apparatus and implements suited to the melting, assaying, engraving and coining operations; and along with this, a great deal of skill and experience on the part of different kinds of managers and workmen. The country on whose behalf you write, would find great difficulty and delay in getting up such an establishment. If I were to give you an estimate of the cost, it might be fifty thousand dollars, or double that sum, and be correct or incorrect, for want of knowing what amount of mintage you expect.

I have no hesitation in saying, that the cheapest, quickest, and best course to be pursued, is, to take advantage of an Act of our Congress, passed at the last session, by which this Mint may be engaged to coin money for a foreign country, upon fair terms. At present we have room and leisure to execute such work, either in small or large amounts, and I have no doubt that if the country you refer to, should prefer to take this course, I can furnish such an estimate of the cost of coinage, to be done here, as would satisfy both parties, and be of mutual advantage.

On hearing further from you, I will refer the question to the Director of the Mint and the Treasury Department, with specific recommendations. I am quite sure you will find it much cheaper, and much less trouble, to have the coinage effected at this Mint, than to establish a Mint.

Very Respectfully
O. H. LaGrange
Supt

F. Zabala. Esq.
Prest. Com. Warehouse Co.
New York

Oct. 23. 4

Madam,

Your letter of the 21st inst. has been received.

One of the Centennial Medals is about the size of a silver dollar, and the other is 2¼ inches in diameter. They are not yet struck at the Mint. Your application for them should be made to the Centennial Commission, No. 904 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

There has been no change in the value of the gold dollar. As a matter of special accommodation, we can let you have two or three, as specimens, if you will remit the full value, as per the latest quotation, in cur-

-necessary.

There are no lady clerks employed in the Mint; and we are reducing the number of employees, both male and female, and cannot make new appointments.

Respectfully Yours
[illegible]
Supt.

Miss Jennie [illegible]
Elmira, N. Y.

Oct 23 4

Sir

The box of annual assay coins from your Mint for the quarter ending September 30. 1874. has been received to day.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

O. H. La Grange Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.
Cal

Octr 23   4

Dear Sir

I have to-day yours of the 15th. I wrote to you a few days since, to correct an error in regard to the assay of your mineral, which we have not yet made.

As you speak of sending other specimens, from a greater depth, I prefer to wait for them, because there is no show or prospect of any thing in the specimen you have already sent. Please not to send more than one sample, because we cannot give much attention to working rocks and ores. It is only done as a matter of favor. Yours truly

Jas [illegible]
Supt.

Mr. J. L. James

Oct 24 4

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending October 24. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 14 4

Mrs. Emma Biddle.

You have been appointed an Adjuster in the Mint, to take effect November 1. 1874. At $1.75 per diem.

You will please go before an Alderman and subscribe to the enclosed oath, and report for duty Monday Nov 2, at 8 A. M. to Mr A. L. Snowden, Coiner, bringing the oath with you.

Yours truly

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Oct 24 4

Sir

I have received, by mail, your letter of this date, notifying me of an advance from month to month in the wholesale price of coal, and that you will be compelled to advance the price of coal furnished to the Mint."

I have to request that you will immediatly advise me of the lowest rate at which you can furnish A. No 1. Lehigh coal for the coming month of November.

Very Respty
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. W. W. Alter.
957 N. 9th St
Phila.

Oct 26 4

Sir

The package referred to in your letter of the 24th inst. was duly received at the Mint, and the Express charges paid to the Agent of the Adams Express Comp'y here, on the 23d inst.

Very Respty

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mess

F. W. Junge & Co

New York

Oct 26 4

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst, has been received this A. M.

The Coinage Act of 1873 prohibits the Mint from preparing medal dies for private parties confining us to such only as are ordered by the Government. We are authorized, however, to strike the medals, on favorable terms, when the dies are brought to us for that purpose.

I refer you to Wm. H. Key, No 12 South 37th St, or A. C. Jacquet, No 26 South 5th St, this City, as skillful and intelligent Engravers, entirely competent to prepare suitable dies for the very praiseworthy purpose mentioned.

Very Respy

H. C. Ezekiel Esq. Cincinnati. O

Ja. Pollock Supt

Oct 26 4

Sir

In preparing coinage dies for the coming year, you will please omit the reversed arrow heads opposite the date. They were used in 1873 to indicate the change made in that year in the standard weight of the coin, under the new law; but that purpose having been subserved, they are no longer necessary or desirable.

Very Respt'ly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver of the Mint.

Oct 26 74

Sir

I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express Company.

Gold $20.00
Silver —.25

special assay coins for the month of October 1874.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Thos C. Acton Esq
Supt Assay Office U.S.
New York

Oct 27 4

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst. in reply to mine of the 24th inst. has been received.

Your offer to supply A.1. Lehigh coal to the Mint at $7. per ton of 2240 lbs, is accepted.

Very Respetty
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Wm W. Alter.
Philadelphia.

Oct 27 4

Sir

Referring to your letter (J. K. U.) of the 23d inst. I enclose herewith a statement of the amount of 3¢ and 5¢ copper-nickel coins now on hand available for issue, or which can be made so by cleaning; showing also the amount of these coins received by the Mint for exchange or redemption, and the total amount of these coins issued, for each week since July 1. 1874. as requested in your letter.

By tomorrow at farthest $5.000 of the $8.200. uncleaned 5¢ coins on hand, will have been

been cleaned and delivered to the cashier, for distribution, in payment of orders for that denomination of coin, leaving only $3.200. available for issue. If an order is not issued to proceed with the recoinage recomended in my former communications, I shall soon be driven to the necessity of returning checks and drafts received for these coins, from inability to fill the orders.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Chas F. Conant.
Asst Secy Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Octr. 27th "

Sir:

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Forty Thousand (40.000) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund and Reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Octr 27   4

Hon. F. Lalasa, V. Prest.
&. &.

Sir

I am prepared to reply to all of the questions in your letter of the 23d; except this one; "What would be the cost of coining?" That is a point which must be determined by the Director of the Mint, at Washington, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury. To save time, I have prepared and forwarded to the Director an estimate of the cost; but as he is at present at San Francisco, it is not likely that I can give you his answer in less than two weeks from this time. I have set down the various items at a very low rate, so that I have little doubt that you will be perfectly satisfied on this point. At a time when we have our usual work to do, we could not do this so cheaply.

1. As to the cost of dies, which probably would not be less than $500, I have recommended that they be made in our Engraving Department almost without charge, both original and working dies; if the coinage is effected here.

2. The other party should furnish the silver, and the copper alloy also. A sum of one million dollars, at the data of 25 grammes per dollar, eight-tenths ($\frac{800}{1000}$) fine, would require 643,000 troy ounces of fine silver, and about 161,000 ounces of copper. The copper must be of the best quality (from Lake Superior) and would cost you about 3000 dollars, gold. This is one of the heaviest items in the bill, and I think you may be able to avoid it, and get the copper for *nothing*, by purchasing German thalers, which are now going into disuse, and are very plenty in Germany. Perhaps many of them are brought over by emigrants. They are $\frac{3}{4}$ silver, and $\frac{1}{4}$ copper; 750 + 250 thous.

They would of course require the mixing of some fine silver, to bring them up to $\frac{8}{10}$ (800) that is, you would need 643,200 ounces of thalers, and 160,800 ounces of fine silver, making together 804,000 ounces, the proper weight at 800 fine, of one million dollars in small coins.

You can easily ascertain, from German houses or brokers in New York, whether you could make a good financial operation. I believe you can now buy fine silver bars, stamped, at 125 cents gold, per ounce. This would be the same as buying thalers at $93\frac{3}{4}$ cents gold, per ounce; or 67 cents apiece, if not much worn.

3. We weigh by the troy ounce of 480 grains. Our 20 cent piece, of 5 grammes, would weigh $77\frac{1}{6}$ grains, very nearly.

4. French and American coins are $\frac{9}{10}$ (900) fine, also the *new series* of German coins.

5. We pack 5000 dollars, silver, in pieces of any size, in one keg. The keg costs about one dollar, and the transportation of 5000 dollars in this way from this Mint, to New York, by Express insured, would cost $1.50 (paper money.)

I believe this is all the information which I can give at present.

I may mention, that in my estimate sent to the Director, I assumed that one third of the amount would be required in each of the three sizes, viz:

		pieces
$333,000.	in 20 cent pieces, =	1,665,000
$333,000.	in 10 cent "	3,330,000
$334,000.	in 5 cent "	6,680,000
$1,000,000.		11,675,000 pieces.

Very respectfully
your obt Servant

Supt

Oct. 28th 74

Sir:

I return herewith my "Statement of Wastage &c" certified as requested in yours of yesterday.

I notice a small error of 70ct made therein in transcribing but which I now correct, leaving the balance to be covered as reported. viz: $12.093.64.

The grains and sweeps of the Deposit Melting Room during the 2d Quarter of 1874 cannot be differently disposed of, and are, as desired, taken from the statement presented.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Oct 29 4

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 28th inst I have to state that our Assay Department is making the last assay to enable Professors Booth and Rogers to make their report on the Dodge Amalgamating machine.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

M. B. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 29th "

Sir.

I transmit this day my Bullion and Coinage a/cs, and vouchers for the 3d. Quarter 1874.

Very Respectfully Yours
H. C. Hickok
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
U.S. Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Oct [illegible]1 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward.

1. Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for month of October 1874.

2. Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending October 31. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 31 4

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst is at hand this morning.

The Mint cannot receive your broken nickel plates, and convert them into coin. If you wish to sell them, your better policy would be to communicate with Joseph Wharton, Esq. American Nickel Works, Camden. N. J.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. R. Pardeſsus.
Wareham
Mass.

Oct. 31st 4

Sir:

Under the verbal instructions of the Director of the Mint, I enclose herewith bills in Duplicate for the sum of $7.25 for purchases made for the Cabinet of the Mint, chargeable to the appropriation for Ores & Coins.

Please remit for the same as early as convenient.

Very Respectfully

Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 31 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued, and Exchanged, during the month of October 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 31. 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result. viz.

Gold	$1.608.138.91
Silver	252.842.17
Ord A/c Regular	25.716.37
Minor Coinage	66.675.20
Minor Coins Exchanged	1.106.79
" " Reissued	22.179.00
" " Redemption.	100.700.87
Total.	$2.077.357.75

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition,

and

and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 2 4

Sir

I herewith forward the loyalty oath of Mrs. Emma Riddle, who has entered, today upon the performance of her duties as an Adjuster in this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Nov 2 4

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiries of Oct 31st ultimo, I herewith mail you a copy of my annual report, as Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1866 - my report for For 1865 being out of print.

If you will deduct the gold and silver coinage of the Mint and Branches, for the year 1866, on pages 15. 16. 18. and 19. of the report from the total of all the U. S gold and silver coinage, on page 26, it will give you the total amount of gold and silver coin issued by the United States up to June 30. 1865.

which

which is the closest we can conveniently come to the period named in your letter. March 1860.

In my annual report for 1861, of which I have but a single copy left, I estimated the amount of specie in the country at that time at from $275.000.000. to $305.000.000. I enclose a manuscript copy of that portion of my report for your more definite information. There are no known means of determining with accuracy the amount of specie in the country; nor am I able to refer you to any work on the subject. It is supposed that the amount of coin now held in the

the United States does not exceed $200.000.000.

Yours very truly

Jas. Pollock

Supt

C. A. Seward. Esq.
New York.

Nov 3 4

Sir

Your letter of Oct 30th is at hand,

You are referred to Joseph Wharton, Esq, American Nickel Works, Camden N. J. The Mint does not smelt ores.

Yours Respetly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. C. E. Pinkham.
for G. H. Somerland.
Mobile
Ala

Novr. 3 4

Sir

The specimen you send is simply an oxide of iron, very much resembling slag. We do not examine for any metal but gold and silver, which are not to be expected in this specimen.

Respy yours

Supt.

Mr. J. W. Barker
Canton, N.Y.

Nov 4 4

Sir

Enclosed I return with the signature of the Assayer, assay report No 291. Silver Bullion deposited in third quarter 1874. as per your request of the 3d inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 4 4

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst, upon the subject of a situation for a young lady in the Mint, has been received.

In reply I regret to say, that there is no vacancy in the Mint and as the Government has ordered a reduction of the force wherever practicable, it will not be in my power to appoint the young lady to a situation in this institution. as desired.

Yours very truly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. B. L. Hewitt.
Hollidaysburg
Pa

Novr. 4th 4

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for October 1874.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Nov. 5. 4

The
Knickerbocker Ice Company,
Will please reduce
the amount of ice for the
Mint, to One Hundred
pounds (100 lbs) daily, for
the Officer's Rep.
By order of the Supt
R. C. Hickok
Chief Clerk

Nov 6 4

Dear Sir

Yours of the 6th inst is at hand.

The Mint does not use, or deal in, iridium. I am not able, therefore, to send you a sample, or give you any information with regard to the price.

With kind regards. I remain.

Yours truly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr E. H. Bouton.
New York

Nov 6 〃

Sir

The Centennial Medals are not for sale at the Mint, but are in the exclusive charge of the Centennial Commission, No 904 Walnut St, Philadelphia, to whom your letter of the 5th inst has been forwarded.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. John L. Pratt
Highland
N. Y.

Nov 6 4

Sir

Your letter of the 3d inst is at hand.

The bronze 2¢ piece was first coined 1864. but was abolished by Congress on the 1st of April 1873. and none have been made since the latter date.

The 3¢ copper-nickel coins were first coined in 1865. and are still issued.

The 5¢ copper-nickel pieces were first struck in 1866. and are still coined.

The bronze 1¢ pieces were first issued in 1864. and are still coined.

The large copper cents were coined from 1800. to 1857

The silver 3¢ and 5¢ pieces were abolished April 1. 1874.

For answer to your other inquiries I must refer you to the regular coin dealers, as the Mint does not keep old coins for sale.

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Rev. L. M. Prescott.
Rumney
N. H.

Nov 7th "

Sir

Enclosed I forward the original bills of Prof. Booth, of Sept. 22d and Oct 10th 1874, for travelling expenses, duly verified by oath at the time they were paid. They were inadvertently retained here, and the duplicates returned in your letter of the 6th inst forwarded with the accounts by mistake.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Superintendent

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C

Novem 7th

Sir:

Enclosed I forward Coiner's statement of Coinage executed at the Mint for the week ending November 7th 1874.

Very Respectfully
R. C. Rickets
Acting Supt.

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Telegram.

Novr 10. 4

Thos. A. Acton, Esq
Supt U.S. Military Office, New York
We can deliver forty thousand dollars in [illegible] [illegible] immediately, and the balance at the rate of Eighteen thousand dollars per day, beginning three days after your letter is received.

Superintendent

Nov 10 4

Sir

Your letter of the 3d inst, enclosing for refund, Wells. Fargo & Co's receipt for $5.30 Express charges on 3 bags of minor coins, has been received.

Under the contract of the Treasury Department with the Adams Express Co. and our instructions from that Department, we cannot pay Express charges on minor coins to points west of Omaha, Beyond that point parties ordering minor coins must pay their own freight, I am not able therefore to return the amount claimed. and Wells Fargo & Co's receipt is herewith

is herewith returned to
you.

Very Respectfully.
Jas. Pownel
Supt

John R. Hanna Esq. Cashr.
Denver
Col.

Nov 11 4

Dear Sir

The Supt of the New York Assay Office, reports the weight and fineness of the test coins from this Mint, for the month of October 1874, as follows.

	Grains.	Gold.	Silver
1 Double Eagle	516.9	900.	10
1 Quarter Dollar	96	.2	900.6

Yours truly

Jas Pollock

Supt

Wm. E. Du Bois. Esq

Assayer

Nov 11 74

Dear Sir

The Supt of the New-York Assay Office, reports the weight and fineness of the Ast coins from this Mint, for the month of October 1874 as follows.

	Grains.	Gold.	Silver
1 Double Eagle.	515.9	900	10
1 Quarter Dollar	96	.2	900.6

Yours truly

Jas Pollock

Supt

A. L. Snowden. Esq

Coiner

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1 Quarter Dollar	96	.2	900.6

Yours truly

Jas Pollock
Supt

Jas. C. Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

Nov 12th 74

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst stating that a balance of $51.423.11 has been found due the United States from me to the close of the 3rd Quarter 1874 has been received.

It must be apparent to you that the above is an error inasmuch as a Treasury Draft issued 2 weeks after the close of the 3rd Quarter cannot by any possibility be credited to the United States in the aforesaid account. Please make such correction as is required.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas A [illegible]
Superintendent

Hon Wm Hemphill Jones
Acting Comptroller
Washington D.C.

Nov 12 7

Dear Sir

Your inquiries of the 6th inst have been duly recvd.

The Mint Cabinet of coins and medals contains about 7.250 pieces; these and the various ores of precious metals &c, cost over $12000, and would doubtless now be worth over $50.000. The oldest pieces, here or any where, are about B.C. 700. And nearly all ancient and modern nations since that date, are represented in our collection.

The oldest silver coin is the Tetradrachm of Aegina, an island of the Grecian Archipeligo. 700 B.C. The oldest gold coin we have, is the daric of Darius of Persia, 520 B. C. The rarest gold coin is that of Arsinoe, Queen of Egypt, B. C. 250, wife of Ptolemy Philadelphus, and niece of Alexander the Great; intrinsic value $17.70. but would command in the market a sum equal to our silver dollar of 1804, or the gold Immunis Columbia, a New York colonial coin, ~~or~~ the New York doubloon; either of which would command from $500. to $1,000. The rarest silver coin is the sheckel of Simon Maccabeas, 145 B. C. We have frequently been offered $500. for it. Then follow the gold coins of Nero and Julius Caesar, with the heads of these Emperors distinguishing them from the most of their coinage which had Cupid. Minerva. or the Elephant upon them. The "widows mite" or Lepta, is the rarest of the base metal coins, at or before the Saviours time. We have also a bronze coin, about the size of our cent, issued by the free city of Philadelphia, in Asia Minor, 2000 years ago, and a large bronze coin of Cleopatra, with her profile likeness stamped upon it, the clearly defined and striking features, plainly indicating the mental powers and force of character of that remarkable woman.

The rarest, and most valued by numismatics, of our own base coins is the Washington cent of 1792, naked bust. then follow, in the order of rarity and value, the cents of 1799. 1804. 1793. 1809. and the nickel cent of 1856. The rare silver coins, beside the dollar of 1804. are the half dollar of

1796. and 1797; the quarter dollar of 1827. 1823. 1796. 1804. and 1815. Our rarest gold coins, the half eagle of 1815; the unique double eagle of 1849; the small eagle of 1796. without stars on the obverse.

We have specimens of the metalic currency of Japan, old style and new, the latter nearly identical with our own in weight, size and fineness, but the design stamped upon them essentially Japanese in their character. When Iwakura, the Junior Prime Minister of Japan, was in this country several years ago, as Ambassador to the Western Nations. he visited the Mint with his numerous suite, and went through the different departments with a keen eye, but impassive countenance, until on entering the cabinet, he was placed before a framed case of old style Japanese coins hanging on the wall, when suddenly this eye kindled, and his face expanded into a broad smile of gratified surprise at the sight of something in this strange land that brought remembrances of home so vividly before him. It was through the instrumentality, and as a result of the visit of a former Embassy, that the coinage of Japan was assimilated to our own.

We have a collection of 700 Chinese coins, one piece claimed by the Chinese authorities to date back to 2300 years before Christ, according to their chronology; but it is probably not older than about 200 years B. C.

The amount of gold and silver deposits and purchases

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-coins struck, and stamped bars manufactured, at the U. S. Mints and Assay Offices, during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1873. as per the last annual report was as follows.

Deposits.

Gold	$59.987.429.45
Silver	12.317.389.43
Total amt recd & operated upon	$72.304.818.88

Coinage

	Pieces	Value
Gold	1.824.420	$35.249.337.50
Silver	11.774.250	2.945.795.50
Minor coinage	18.925.000	494.050.00
Total	32.523.670	$38.689.183.00

Bars.

Fine Gold	$7.504.956.86	
Unparted "	12.990.659.25	$20.495.616.11
Fine Silver	3.034.259.53	
Unparted "	3.987.654.97	$7.021.914.50
Total gold and silver		$27.517.530.61

The total coinage and bars from the organization of the Mint in 1793. to June 30. 1873. is as follows

Value of Coinage.

Gold	$818.905.878.50
Silver	145.141.884.60
Minor Coinage	11.919.888.55
Total	$973.967.657.65

Value of Bars

Fine Gold bars	$235.466.656.90
Unparted " "	49.892.007.23
Total gold	$285.358.663.13
Fine Silver bars	$13.581.692.35
Unparted " "	9.662.580.02
Total Silver	$23.244.272.37
Total gold and Silver bars	$308.602.935.50
Total value of coinage and bars	$1.282.570.587.15

The coins, gold and silver, of the United States are nine tenth fine; that is. they contain 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts alloy. which proportion is now chiefly used in other countries.

I have no spare copy of the last Mint Report, but send you a number of circulars, that perhaps may have some suggestive value.

I believe I have substantially met the points embraced in your letter, you are at liberty to make any use of my reply that you may deem advisable.

Very Respectfully,
J. W. Pollock
Supt

J. Q. Thompson. Esq
Shelbyville
Ind

P. S.

The estimated amount of gold and silver coin, now in the U. S is about $200.000.000.

Nov. 13th 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to reimburse you for Minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund, and reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 12 4

Sir

I have to day forwarded by the Adams Express Company to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, the following dies for the callender year 1875 as directed in your letter of September 25. 1874.

Gold.	Obverse.	Reverse
Double Eagle	12.	6
Eagle	4	
Half Eagle	4	
Quarter "	4	
Three Dollar	2	
One "	2	
Total	28	6

Silver.	Obverse.	Reverse
Trade Dollar	27	24
Half "	6	
Quarter "	4	

Dies continued.	Obverse.	Reverse
Amount brought over	34.	24
Dime	8	
Total.	42	24

Enclosed I forward the duplicate Express receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 12 4

Sir

I have to day forwarded by the Adams Express Company to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, the following dies for the callender year 1875. as directed in your letter of October 17. 1874.

Silver	Obverse.	Reverse
Trade Dollar	18.	18
Half "	5	
Quarter "	4	
Dime	4	
Total	31	18

Gold	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagle	6	
Eagle	4	
Half Eagles	4	
Quarter "	2	
Total.	16	

Enclosed I forward
the duplicate Express receipt
Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 14 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending November 14. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Nov. 16. 74

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter and Refiner for Melting and Recoinage from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund, Eight Hundred and Ten (810 00/100) Dollars, in Mutilated 3¢ Nickel coin, and Twenty Two Hundred and Fifty (2250 00/100) Dollars in Mutilated 5¢ Nickel coin - as per authority of the Secretary of the Treasury in his letter of Oct. 29. 1874 -

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Nov. 16th 4

Sir.

I transmit herewith Certificate No. 1568, Asst. Treasurer U. S. – for Ten Thousand (10.000) Dollars for a/c. of Minor Coinage Profits paid into the Treasury of the United States.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Novr 16th 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Three Thousand and Sixty (3.060) Dollars to reimburse you on mutilated Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund for recoinage.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D. C.

Novr. 17 4

Dear Sir

The stones sent in your box are talcose clay-slate, with some fine specks of sulphide of iron: very common & of no value.

I return one of the small metallic lumps, which if you apply a magnet to it, will at once show you what it is.

Truly yours &c
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr H. C. Howard
Mount Sterling
Kentucky

Nov 18 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst, I enclose herewith, for Mr Emery's use, a duplicate of the report I had already mailed to Mr Howard, Mt Sterling, Ky. of the assay of the stones sent us for examination.

Very Respectfully

Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 19 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst, recd to day. I enclose herewith a circular embodying the regulations of the Mint with regard to receiving gold deposits for coinage.

If your gold "dust" is free from earth and stones, we can give you the value in coin in three days from the time the deposit is made, but I would suggest that you need not make the deposit in person, unless you prefer to do so, If you will have the dust carefully done up and sealed, the Express Agent here. will attend to it as carefully and faithfully as you could yourself. and the expense to you would be much less.

Virgil Woodcock. Esq
Swanzey. N. H

Very Respectfy
G. W. Caldwell Supt

Nov 21 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending November 21. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Nov 21 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst is at hand to day.

You can forward your old silver direct to me by Express, enclosing your directions with it, and with your name and address plainly written on the outside of the package; but upon its arrival here it will be taken in charge by the Agent of the Adams Express Co., located in the Mint building, a gentleman of character and integrity, who will have it coined, and as a matter of accommodation to you, will sell the coin for currency.

and remit the proceeds by check or draft, if you so request in your directions sent with the package.

Very Respectfly
Supt

E. C. Guinneſs. Esq
Macon
Geo.

Nov 23 4

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst, has been received.

The Mint does not receive deposits of less than $100. in value, nor any containing so large a proportion of base metal.

You doubtless could get your lumps refined and separated at some private establishment in Chicago. I think there is a smelting works there.

Very Respty

Supt

Mr. Ernest Krembs.
508 1st Av
Milwaukee
Wis.

Nov 23 4

Gentlemen.

A correspondent in New York wants to know where large porcelain jars for boiling granulations under the Nitric Acid process, can be procured. I understand you can probably give me the desired information. If so, will you please favor me with an early reply.

Yours truly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
E. Tracy & Son
No 104. So 4th
Phila

Nov 28 4

Sir

By request of Elmer Washburn, Esqr Chief of the Secret Service of the Treasury Department, I have selected Mr Franklin. L. Knight, an employee of this Mint, as an expert to be used by you as a witness for the Government, to determine whether certain nickel 5 cent pieces are genuine U.S. coin, or otherwise; and he will obey your subpoena whenever you are ready for him.

I have notified Mr Washburn of this fact, and also advised him that it will be necessary to place Mr Knight in funds, before starting, to pay his traveling expenses.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
W. A. Drew,
U. S. Asst. Dist Attorney.
Jacksonville
Fla.

Nov 23 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 20th inst, I have selected Mr. Franklin L. Knight, an employee of this Mint, as an expert to be used as witness by W. A. Drew. Esq, U.S. Asst District Attorney, Jacksonville, Fla. to determine whether certain nickel 5 cent pieces are genuine U.S. coins, or otherwise, and have advised Mr Drew that Mr Knight will respond to the subpoena whenever he is wanted.

Mr Knight is employed in our cent redemption office, and as his means are limited, it will be necessary for you to advance money, before he starts, to pay his expenses.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Elmer Washburn. Esq
Chief Secret Service Division
Treasury Department
Washington
D.C

Nov 27 4

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst, has been received to day.

There are no vacancies in the Engraving Department of the Mint, nor any probability that there will be occasion, or room, for new appointments, I am not able therefore to give you any encouragement in that direction.

Yours Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. R. Laubenheimer
No 6 John St
New York.

Nov 27 [illegible]

Sir

I have forwarded to you to day, by the Adams Express Company, as per the enclosed receipt, the following test assay coins, from this Mint for the current month of November viz.

1	Double Eagle	$20 —
1	Half Dollar	.50
		$20.50

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok

Thos. C. Acton, Esqr. Acting Supt
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York

Nov. 24 4

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter and Refiner for melting and recoinage, from the Minor coin Redemption Fund, Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty (8,680 $\frac{00}{100}$) Dollars in two (2) ct. Bronze coin, and Six Hundred and Twenty (620 $\frac{00}{100}$) Dollar in mutilated one (1) ct Bronze coin as per authority of the Secretary of the Treasury in his letter of Oct 6th 1874.

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Nov. 25 4

Sir,

Your enquiry of the 23d inst. was duly received.

We are now paying eighteen cents a bushel for charcoal, delivered at the Mint, in the cellar, a waggon load at a time, as we need it, as we have not storage room for a larger quantity; which will interfere with any arrangement to contract for large quantities.

Yours respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt.

Mr. Henry Sperring

[illegible]

Nov. 25th 4

Sir.

In accordance with your request of the 17th inst to furnish a Statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of this Mint for the years 1860 to 1864, and from 1870 to 1872 inclusive, I enclose herewith said statement. The items are aggregated (in Calender years) in gross sums under the heads required, and show the earnings over Expenditures to be $492:739.64

In connection with this subject I thought it would be well to compile a statement of the same character for the intervening years, viz 1865 to 1869, and accordingly enclose the same for the use of the Committee on Appropriations should they desire it.

The earnings over Expenditures per this statement are shown to be $3.342.643.78, a highly gratifying result.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Supt

H. O. Adams Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington. DC

Novr. 25 4

Sir

The mineral specimen sent by you on the 17th inst. contains merely faint traces of gold and silver, such as are frequently found in minerals everywhere.

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock

M. B. Davis Esq
Actg Director
Washington D.C

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Novr. 25 4

Dear Sir,

I am sorry you are so entirely mistaken as to the character of the mineral you have sent for assay.

It contains two ounces of silver, to the ton of 2000 lbs., which is practically nothing. The "nice button" which you wish returned, would be almost invisible.

In reply to your postscript, we commonly take the "assayer's ton" to make an assay, which is 29.167 grammes.

Respectfully yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

S. L. Isaacs Esq.
Crittenden Springs
Crittenden Co.
Kentucky

Nov 27 4

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date, for the sum of $31,700. for the service of this Mint for the month of December 1874. and desire an early remittance of a draft for the amount.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 27 4

Gentlemen

If you can fill the enclosed order for fire bricks for the Carson Mint, please let me Know how soon you can have them ready for shipment, but do not forward them without letting me know, as I wish to give special directions.

Yours Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Mess.
Caldwell & Mather
No 233 So Tenth St
Phila

Novr. 27th 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of Ninety Three Hundred (9300) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund for Recoinage

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Nov 27 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of September 7. 1874. I have to state that your deposit of gold. No 314. made February 3. 1857. net value $1.963.49. still remains in the Mint, subject to your order. The Adams Express Company hold the receipt.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
James Alexander.
Gympie
Queensland
Australia

Nov 28 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending November 28. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 28 4

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter (D K U) of the 20th inst, I herewith forward C/D No 1457 October 12. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia in my favor, for $1.090.97. in silver coin, on a/c silver coinage charges for the 3d quarter of 1874. the same having been inadvertantly filed, with an erroneous endorsement, amongst my private vouchers.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Chas F. Conant
Asst Secy Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Jan. 28th "

Sir.

I hand you herewith an approximated Statement of the Earnings & Expenditures of the Mint for the years ending June 30th 1860-61 62-63 & 64 and 1870-71 & 72. I have taken this Statement from the figures of the former one, and believe it will be entirely Satisfactory; as the details involved would require a considerable time to separate for an exact account I pursue this course in order to save time in preparing your Statement.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pryor
Supt.

H. R. Linderman Esq
Actg. Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Approximated Statement of Earnings & Expenditures at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Fiscal Year	Earnings.	Expenditures
1860	348.690.07	422.258.26
1861	412.849.47	332.694.17
1862	422.196.20	368.117.29
1863	421.922.09	463.509.33
1864	710.792.48	633.820.84
1870	646.272.23	294.768.39
1871	257.022.31	342.019.22
1872	268.997.31	363.055.64
	$3.488.742.16	3.220.243.14
Excess of Earnings		268.499.02
		$3.488.742.16

Telegram

Nov. 20. .4

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

We can furnish half dollars until New Years at the rate of One hundred thousand dollars a week.

Jas. Pollock
Dir.

Geo. W. Rutherford

Nov 28 4

Sir

We can supply you with half dollars during the remainder of the current calender year, at the rate of eighteen to Twenty thousand dollars per day, say one hundred thousand Dollars per week.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Thos. C. Acton. Esq
Supt. Assay Office U. S.
New York

Nov 30 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst, I have to report the general fact that the large porcelain jars referred to in your letter are of foreign manufacture, but where, or by whom they are made, I have not been able to ascertain. I have made diligent inquiry for Wm. H. Shively, but he had removed from his former location, and learn this morning that he has again removed from the last place to which my inquiries had traced him, and he cannot now be found.

The only other information

I have been able to gather on this subject you will find in the enclosed copy of a letter from Messrs. E. Tracy & Son Co. of this city, which I forward for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Ja. [illegible]
Supt

Thos. C. Acton. Esq.
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York

Nov: 30. 4

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward report of Coinage executed at this Mint, during the month of November, 1874:

Also report of Minor Coins Redeemed, Received & Exchanged during the same month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pettit
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Nov 30 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result viz.

Gold	$952.306.00
Silver	204.487.53
Ord Ap regular	31.698.34
Minor Coinage	61.665.20
" Coins Exchanged	1.105.79
" " Re-issued	23.307.00
" Coinage Redemption	90.380.69
Total	$1.364.946.51

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Dec 1 4

Dear Sir

The Supt of the New York Assay Office reports the result of the assay of test coins from this Mint of the November issue. 1874. as follows, viz.

	Grains.	Gold.	Silver
1 Double Eagle	516.9	900.3	.5
1 Half Dollar	192.5	.2	900.6

Yours truly

Jas Pollock

Supt

Prof. Wm. E. Du Bois.
Assayer

Dec 1 4

Dear Sir

The Supt of the New York Assay Office reports the result of the assay of Test coins from this Mint, of the November issue, 1874. as follows, viz.

	Grains.	Gold.	Silver
1 Double Eagle.	516.4	900.3	.5
1 Half Dollar	192.5	.2	900.6

Yours Truly

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Prof. J. C. Booth.
Melter & Refiner

Dec 1. 4

Dear Sir

The Supt of the New York Assay Office reports the result of the assay of test coins from this Mint, of the November issue, 1874. as follows. Viz

	Grains.	Gold.	Silver
1 Double Eagle.	515.9	900.3.	.5
1 Half Dollar.	192.6	.2	900.6

Yours Truly

Jas Pollock

Supt

A. L. Snowden. Esq

Coiner

Dec 1 4

Sir

Your note of the 30th ult. has been received.

The coins sent by you were considerably abraded, but the currency enclosed covered the deficiency, & I enclose the new coins requested. This exchange is made not officially, but individually to accommodate you.

Yours truly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
David B. Bremner.
Washington
D.C

Decr 1 4

Sir

The mineral sent by you, is common gravel, tinted with iron.

Yours &c

Supt

Mr. James Noyes
Money Creek
Houston Co.
Minnesota

Telegram.

Dec 1, 4

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

We are out of Silver Bullion. Please forward Standard invoices immediately.

Jas. Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint

Dec 1 74

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter ([illegible]) of October 29, 1874, I herewith forward, in compliance with your request, a statement setting forth in detail the transactions of this Mint during the month of November 1874, in the exchange, redemption, issue and coinage of all minor coins, and showing the amount by denominations of such coins on hand at the close of business on the last day of that month.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secy of the Treas.
Washington.

Dec 1 4.

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward a letter for the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting, in compliance with his special request (I R U) of Oct 29. ultimo, a statement of the entire minor coinage operations of this Mint, during the month of November 1874. which I will thank you to forward to its destination

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Dec 2 4

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst is at hand,

The box containing segment collar and tools was duly received; the expressage paid; and the collar and tools transferred to the custody of the Coiner; who will proceed with the desired experiments as soon as some additional tools are made that it is found are necessary.

No receipted bill having been presented by Mr Allard, or any person for him, the cost of the collar and tools has not been paid, nor, as you are aware am I able without a proper voucher, to draw the money from our contingent fund with which to purchase the proposed bill of exchange.

As I have had no communication with Mr. Allard, and am uncertain from the documents in my hands, as to his initials and surname, I suggest, as the best mode of getting at the matter, that you forward him duplicate vouchers in due form, to be receipted and returned to you for approval, and then transmitted to me for payment.

I suppose the amount 540 francs, or $104.22 must be coin, and as the premium fluctuates from day to day, It is uncertain whether we can make our accounts exactly square when we come to purchase the coin, on the presentation of the vouchers.

I am not sure that I quite understand the last paragraph of your letter, (with regard to a double eagle,) of October 16th, Will you explain?

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

(December 2 4

Elmer Washburn, Esq.
Chief Secret Service Division
Treasury Department
Washington D. C.

F. L. Knight has just been subpoenaed to Florence for December eleventh, but no money furnished to pay his expenses, without which he cannot go. What shall be done. Please answer.

Jas. Bullock Depty U.S. Marshal

Ala, Entered

Dec 2d 4

Dear Sir;

As your paper authorizing me to sign the "pay rolls" for you, for the month of November is informal it will not be received at Washington as a voucher in settling my accounts.

You will therefore have to furnish me at once with a regular power of attorney in duplicate acknowledged before a "notary Public" or other public officer and have the seal of the clerk of the court attached.

You can most likely procure the blank form in your city but should you not be able I enclose you a form in duplicate which you will execute as above indicated and return by next mail.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollock

Superintendent

James. C. Pollock Esq

San Francisco

Cal.

Decr 3 4

Dr Sir

On the 25th ult. I sent you the result of assay of the minerals sent by you; two ounces of silver to the ton, which is practically nothing.

As a word of caution let me add, that while the mining of gold or silver is a hap-hazard business everywhere, there are some localities, and very large ones, where it is of no use to look for either metal; and I believe yours is of this sort.

Respy yours
&c

Supt

Mr S L Sanders

Telegram.

Dec. 3. 4

J. B. C. Drew, Esq
U.S. District Attorney
Jacksonville, Florida
Will Mr. Knights expenses certainly be paid if he obeys the subpoena? He cannot go on an uncertainty. Answer immediately.

Ja. Powell
Supt. U.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dec 3 74

Sir

By request of the Assayer of the U. S. Mint at Denver, as per his letter to me of November 13. 1874. (a copy of which I inclose), I herewith forward the original and duplicate C/D. December 2d inst, No 7140, in his name, for $482 65/100 coin, on account of deductions on bullion deposits for 3d quarter, 1874.

I also inclose for your information duplicate Mint Memorandum No 1176.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Dec 3 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 13th of Nov. ult. I herewith enclose the triplicate of Chk of Dec 2. No 7146. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia in your favor, for $782 65/100 coin, on a/c of deductions on bullion deposits for 3d quarter of 1874. The original and duplicate have been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, according to your request.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No 1175.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Pryor
Supt

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver

Dec 4 4

Sir

I herewith introduce Mr Franklin L. Knight, employed in the Minor Coinage Redemption department of the Mint, who has been subpoenaed by you to testify as an expert to the character of certain 5¢ copper-nickel pieces before the U. S. Court at Jacksonville on the 7th inst. Mr Knight is an intelligent and reliable young man, and his skill and experience in detecting spurious minor coins will be of service to you.

I have to request that his expenses be promptly paid, and he be relieved from attendance upon the Court as soon as the cases in which he is a witness are disposed of, that he may return, without unnecessary delay, to his post of duty here.

Very Respy

Supt

J. B. C. Drew Esq
U. S. Dist Attorney
Jacksonville Fla.

Dec 7 74

Sir

I have this morning received from the American Minister at Paris, a letter addressed to him by Mr. J. L. Loubat, of that city, a copy of which I herewith enclose, stating that the dies of a medal voted by Congress, to Cornelius Vanderbilt, are deposited in the First National Bank of New York City, but not as the property of the U. S. If this information is correct, I presume this Mint is the proper custodian of the dies referred to. I refer the matter to you for such action as you may think advisable.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Dir. Mint

Dec 5 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending December 5. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 5th 4

My Dear Sir

I this morning received your letter of the 19th of November; with and its enclosed remittance of one gold dollar; and in return, I herewith send you, in compliance with your request; one proof Trade Dollar of the current year, which I hope will reach you safely and prove satisfactory to the German friend for whom you desire it.

I will forward this letter to you through the State Department for greater security.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

B. F. Stevens, Esq
U.S. Dispatch Agent.
London.

Dec 5 4

Sir

I enclose herewith a letter for R. L. Stevens, Esq. U.S. Dispatch Agent at London, through whose kind offices I sometimes procure specimen coins for our Mint Cabinet, which I will thank you to have forwarded to Mr. Stevens from your Department. It is in reply to one received from him this A.M. through the State Department, and contains a U.S. silver coin, that I transmit through this channel for greater security.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. Hamilton Fish.
Secy of State

Dec 7 '74

Sir

If you will make out against this Mint, and forward to me, duplicate receipted bills for the amount of freight $5.50, paid by you on the 11th of October last to Wells Fargo & Co, on three bags of copper-nickel coin sent to you from the Mint, the money thus paid will be refunded to you.

You will please advise me how to remit the amount, whether by postal order, or otherwise.

Very Respectfully

Ja. Pollock

Supt

Jno. E. Hanna. Esq

Cas. Citz. Nat. Bank

Baltimore Md.

Dec 8th 4

Sir

I herewith forward the following statements for the month of October 1874. viz.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

2. Gold and Silver of Domestic production

3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Decr. 9 4

Mr. James B. Hawk
Shippensburg Pa

Sir

The minerals sent by you differ from each other, but are alike in the main thing, and that is, they are of no value.

The one that makes the best show, the small shiny lump, is a compound of iron & sulphur.

Yours truly
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Dec 10 4

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst was duly received.

Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, the Agent of the Adams Express Company located in the Mint building, informs me that the proceeds of the deposit of gold and silver you forwarded Nov 28th, ($456.42 gold coin) were sent to you by Express on the 3d of Dec, inst.

I enclose herewith, several Mint circulars for your information

Very Respectfully

Supt

E. C. Leonard. Esq.
Cincinnati
Ohio

Dec 18 4

Sir

I have received by Express, from the First National Bank New-York, the dies of the Medal voted by Congress to Cornelius Vanderbilt,

Would it not be good policy to strike a number of these medals in copper-bronzed, and put them upon our list for sale?

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Decem 10th 4

D. W. Mahon Esq
First Auditor of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I herewith enclose Receipt No 793 properly endorsed by the parties to whom it is made payable.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Russell
Superintendent.

Dec 10 4

Sir

In consideration of his increasing usefulness and skill, I have raised the compensation of William H. Sehlem, machinist in the Coining Department, from $1.25 to $2.50 per diem, to date from the 1st of December, inst, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 11 4

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, I herewith inclose the card of Messrs Booth & Garrett, Chemists, of this City, who are well qualified to analyze any ore you may wish tested. Their charges are from $10 upwards.

Permit me to suggest that I very much fear you will be disappointed in your expectations of finding quicksilver, in any quantity, in the locality to which you refer. The geological formation is against it.

Very Truly
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. Boyd C. Packer:
Flemington
Pa

Decr 12. 4

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours, the Assayer states that the rest of your mineral was not kept, and that two assays were made with corresponding results; so that we can do no more.

As you are going regularly to work with it, we advise you not to rely upon any assays, but satisfy yourself by trying a ton or more, to see what you can get out. This is far better than examining a small portion. Assayers rarely take over two ounces; even this quantity, with the fluxes, takes a large pot, to prevent boiling over.

Truly yours
Jas Pollock
Supt.

S. L. James Esq.
Crittenden Springs
(Marion P.O.) Kentucky

Dec 12 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending December 12. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 12 4

Sir

Your letter of Dec 10th has been received.

There are two kinds of pounds, a pound troy of Mexican or U.S. Silver coin, is worth $14.16. a lb of pure silver is worth $15.73½. payable in half dollars.

Very Respctly

Jas. Ross

Supt

Mr. H. J. Harwood.
Utica
N.Y.

Decr 12 "

Dear Sir

I should have stated, that we have no time here to examine ores for any thing but gold and silver.

If your minerals have been found to contain antimony, Zinc, &c you can of course depend upon those results, or have them confirmed by private assayers who make a business of [illegible] assaying all sorts of Stones, which we do not.

Truly yours

Supt.

Mr. J. B. Hawk

Shippensburg

Pa.

Dec 12 4

Sir

Please advise me what amount, in dollars and cents, was charged to the Contingent Expenses of this Mint, on account of Mr. Allards segment collar, so that our accounts here may be accurate.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 14th 4

Sir

Your request that my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for November be transmitted to your Office, will be complied with as soon as it is possible to do so. The a/c is ~~not~~ unavoidably detained by reason of an imperfect ~~power~~ of attorney from James C. Pollock, San Francisco having to be corrected in order to conform to Departmental Rules. I hope to be able to furnish the a/c in the course of a week.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec 14 4

Sir

We cannot receive and coin your 32 dwts of gold bullion, The amount is too small; but the Agent of the Adams Express Company located in the Mint building, informs me that if you will send it to him, he will sell it for you to a private Assayer, to the best advantage, and remit you the proceeds as you may direct. I enclose a Mint circular.

Very Respy

Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm. R. Wood Esq
Richmond
Ind

Dec 15 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst. I have to report that your deposit of $837. light gold coin, produced upon recoinage, the sum of $826.87 which has been deposited Dec 14. in your name, with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, on a/c of duties on imports, and I herewith enclose the C. D. No 68 in duplicate, as requested in your letter, together with duplicate Mint Memorandum No 1280, in the name of the Adams Express Agent, who made the deposit.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock

Geo. C. Stevens, Esq
Collector of Customs
Milwaukee

Dec 15 4

Sir

I have increased the compensation of George Harmstad, Laborer, on the Minor Coinage roll, in the Coining Department of this Mint, from $2.75 to $3.00 per diem, from the 1st of December inst, for intelligent fidelity to duty and varied services, he being employed of late in rendering valuable services as messenger between the Cashier and Book-keeper, and other departments of the Mint, besides serving as conductor as occasion requires. This increase is merited, and I submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

Dec 15. 4

Thos. E. Acton Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York
We are out of Silver. Forward [illegible] without delay.

Jas R Snowden
Supt U.S. Mint

Dec 17 4

Sir

In regard to a position in the Mint, for Mr Winter-Davis Lyle, a *deaf mute*, earnestly requested by the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, and Hon. David Davis, of the Supreme Court of the United States; and your suggestion that a place be made for him in the Melter & Refiners Department, I have to report that the Melter & Refiner cannot find a place for him in connection with metallurgy, but can find occupation for him in the calculations for the monthly reports to the Director of the Mint of the gold and silver

silver meltings, if we can find a place for him at a table. which can perhaps be arranged for him in the same room with the calculating clerk. I therefore appoint him assistant calculator in the Melters & Refiners Department at $ per diem, to date from the first Monday in January. 1876. and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 17 4

Sir

I herewith forward

1. Statement of Gold Melting at this Mint during the months of October November 1874.

2. Statement of Silver Melting during the month of October 1874.

3. Statement of Silver Melting during the month of November 1874.

Together with a copy of a letter to me from the Melter & Refiner in explanation of the statements.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Dec 17 4

Sir

The sample of copper from Messrs. Pope. Cole & Co. Baltimore Md. was duly received, and placed in the hands of Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, together with a copy of their letter to you of the 12th inst, and your letter to me of the 14th inst. requesting him to make a careful assay of the specimen sent. In reply I have received from the Melter and Refiner a communication explaining that he could not make the desired assay without great inconvenience, and a neglect of his official duties,

I herewith forward a copy of his letter for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 17 4

Sir

Prof Booth informs me that we will require about from 10.000 to 15000 pounds of copper to meet the demand for bronze coinage. I will, therefore, advertise for proposals for copper, and for corresponding amounts of tin and zinc for that purpose; and submit the bids to you. But we require for immediate use one ton of copper to bridge over the time required to advertise and receive the metals: and I propose, with your approval, to purchase that ton in the open market at once, payable out of the fund for the purchase of metals for the minor coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 17. 74

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Five hundred and Ninety four $\frac{48}{100}$ ($594\frac{48}{100}$) Dolls in 2¢ Bronze coin and Twenty (20) Dolls. in mutilated 1¢ Bronze coin: in all $\$614\frac{48}{100}$ as per authority of the Secretary of the Treasury in his letter of Oct. 29th 1874.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

17 Decemb. 4

G. C. Thompson Esq.
Agent of Messrs Adams Express Co.

Sir

Your Deposit from Drs. Holbrook & Clark — calling for 11 ozs. & 10 dwts. & weighing here at the Mint 11 45/100 ounces did not contain a particle of gold and in melting almost wholly disappeared.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Dec 18th 4

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for November 1874.

The delay in rendering this a/c. has been caused by reason of the necessity to send to San Francisco for the Power of Attorney of James C. Pollock.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 18 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst, I herewith forward statement of the number of silver ingots melted at this Mint, from April 1. 1873. to November 30 1874. and the number rejected.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 19 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending December 19th 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 19 4

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 18th inst, I have to state that it will not be practicable for us to forward to you by the 31st inst, the entire amount of our indebtedness to you in half dollars, ($257.246,20.) the non arrival of bullion, a short time since, having lost us three days in melting. But we will do the best we can for you. and believe we can send you two hundred thousand dollars ($200.000) of the amount by the 31st.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Thos. C. Acton. Esq
Supt U. S. Assay office
New York

Dec 19 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst, to the U.S. Treasurer, Washington, D.C. and by him forwarded to me, I have to state that your deposit sent Nov 17th produced $4.10 in gold coin, which the Agent of the Adams Express Co, who made the deposit for you for coinage, informs me he forwarded to you at Albemarle, by Express, but the package was billed to Salisbury. N.C. the nearest Express office to you and he supposed the Express Agent there would notify you.

You can get it by sending to Salisbury for it.

Very Respy

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. John A. Myers.
Albemarle. N.C.

Dec 19th 44

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of Six Hundred and Fourteen 48/100 Dollars (614 48/100) to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund for melting and recoinage.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C.

Dec 21 4

Sir

The piece of metal fund in a rock, enclosed in your letter of the 16 th inst, upon examination, proves to be chiefly lead and tin, with no gold or silver.

Very Resptly

Supt

Mr. Jas B. Reed.
New Creek
W. Va

Dec 21 4

Gentlemen,

Inclosed find our Assayers report of the three samples of gold forwarded to the Mint in your letter of the 15th inst.

The samples of gold are herewith returned.

Very Respty
A. J. Guirot
Supt

Messrs.
Wm S Justis & Son
Baltimore
Md

Dec 21 4

Sir;

The ore mentioned in your letter of the 7th inst, has been received.

The Mint charge for assaying the same is $5, currency, payable in advance.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr
D. F. Mixer
Silver Hill.
Sevier Co
Ark.

Dec 21 74

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst has been received.

No twenty cent pattern pieces have been sold, or are for sale under the medal regulations, or otherwise.

Our Engraver is now at work on new devices for the twenty cent piece, and when completed and specimens are struck, they will be submitted to you. If it should be deemed desirable we can then have some made for sale under the medal regulations.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Dec 21 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of October 5. 1874. I herewith forward for payment the duplicate receipted bill of Messrs. E. Morwitz & Co. of this City, for 80.30. for advertising proposals for Minor Coinage metals, in May last.

I notified them on the 6th of October, to return the bill duly receipted, as per your directions, but they neglected to do so. until today. If they are too late for payment they only are in fault.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington

Dec 21 4

Sir

At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, and with the Director of the Mint, I have appointed you Assistant Calculator in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint, at a compensation of three dollars ($3) per diem, to take effect Monday January 4. 1875, and you will report for duty accordingly.

The enclosed oath will have to be taken and subscribed by you, and delivered to me before entering upon the performance of your duties.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. Henry W. Lyle.
No 63. Rapelyea St.
Brooklyn. N.Y.

Dec 21 4

Sir

I discover that we made a mistake in the name of the deaf mute recently appointed assistant calculator in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint. It is *Henry Winter Lyle*, not Winter Davis Lyle, as sent forward to you, Please note the correction on your rolls.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 21 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst, I herewith enclose P. O. money order of this date, in your favor No for $5.20 the amount paid by you to Wells, Fargo & Co, Express charges on three bags minor coins from Omaha to Denver.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

John. R. Hanna. Esq
Cas. City Nat. Bank.
Denver
Col.

Dec 22 4

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst in reference to the voucher for 934 lbs bar copper at 32 cts per pound, from Jas Oats & Sons, has been received.

The copper was purchased for the centennial medals, and was required to be furnished in ingots cast of a specified size and shape suitable for rolling, which accounts for the price. Proposals were invited by circular letter addressed to all the principal dealers in copper, and Messrs Oats & Sons, who were entire strangers to me, being the lowest and best bidders, their offer was accepted, and the copper delivered accordingly.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22d. 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Two (31.972) Dollars to reimburse you for minor Coins reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 23 -

Sir

I learn this morning that the surname of the deaf mute appointed assistant calculator in this Mint, is not Lyle as on our books, but Syle. I advise you of that fact, that our records may correspond.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Decr 23 4

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.
Sir

I recommend the payment of the enclosed Bill, as a proper expenditure.

Very respy yours
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Dec 23 4

Sir—

Your letter in relation to the dies for the International $10. coin proposed by Mr Bickford, has been received.

The dies were finished during your absence in San-Francisco. and I had struck 6 pieces in copper as specimens, intending to send some of them to you on your return. This escaped my memory until the arrival of your letter, and I now send you three specimen coin in copper, two for yourself or bureau, and one for Mr Bickford, if you wish to send him one.

The coin if struck in gold would be too thin for circulation, and if reduced in diameter would be too small to admit the devices that would be necessary on such coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 28 4

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst is received, enquiring if I desire any more bullion for our Melter & Refiners operations the present year.

The Melter & Refiner will work up the silver on hand by Monday next and would like to have seventy thousand (70,000) ounces by Monday or Tuesday, for this years operations.

You can also forward additional bullion at your pleasure, to be stored here in readiness for our Jany operations.

Thos C. Acton, Esq
Supt Assay Office U.S.
New York

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Dec 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst. advising me of an improper charge of $4.00 for freight on $1.00. in nickel coin from the Mint was duly received.

It was an error on the part of the Express Company. and the Agent of the Adams Express Co, in charge of its Mint business has forwarded instructions to the Express Agent at Auburn to refund the amount to you.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

A. S. Palmer. Esq Cash'r
Auburn. N.Y.

Dec 24   4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 19th of Nov. ult, I have to day forwarded to you via the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. Twelve (12) fire brick linings for sliding doors on top of melting furnaces, as per your order. They are contained in three (3) boxes marked I. C. care of D. W. Earl. Sacramento. Cal. I enclose the B/L by which you will see that the freight to Pittsburgh is twenty five (25) cents per 100 lbs. Beyond that point I was unable to get any stipulation as to the rates to be paid; the Penna R. R. Co. having encountered so many difficulti in that direction that they now refuse positively to make any contract beyond their own line.

These linings were furnished by Messrs. Caldwell & Mather, of this City, whose bill is as follows.

12 Sett of granulating tiles	$30.
3 boxes & packing	8 $38.00

Please remit the amount to me by currency draft, as suggested in your letter, and upon receipt of the money, I will forward their bill in duplicate, receipted, as your voucher.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev.

Dec 26 4

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst has been received.

As a matter of accommodation merely the Mint makes assays of mineral specimens, but only to see if they contain gold or silver. We do not assay for other metals, The charge is $5. currency, prepaid, for each specimen, to cover the cost of the assay, A fair sample of the mineral, a few ounces in weight will be sufficient for the purpose.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. M. J. Hurlbut.
Mirabile
Mo

Dec 26 4

Sir

As a matter of accommodation merely, the Mint will make an assay of a fair average sample of your silver, at a charge of $5. currency, to cover the cost of the assay.

Would it not be better to have your bullion sent to the Mint, and coverted into coin, on the terms of the enclosed circular, The Express Agent could sell your coin for currency at the current market rates, if you so direct, and remit the proceeds by check or draft.

Very Respectfully

Mr. H. J. Harwood.
Utica. N. Y.

Jas Pollock
Supt

Dec 26 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith ~~I forward~~ Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending December 26. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Dec 26 4

Sir

Our Melter & Refiner Prof Booth informs me that he has received a note from Mr Mason, your M. & R, enquiring if he will be willing to receive silver above standard in lieu of fine silver, with an allowance of half thousandth, and requests me to say to you that if the metal be as asserted in Mr Masons note, A. #1. he is willing to take it with the ½ thousandth allowance.

Please communicate this fact to Mr. Mason.

Very Respectfully

Thos. C. Acton. Esq.
Supt. Assay Office. N.Y.

Dec 28 4

Sir

I herewith forward the following Statements for the month of November 1874.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of Domestic production.
3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Dec 28 4

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 26th inst I have to say that the premium on gold, as against National Bank notes, should be about five per cent to put the subsidiary silver coin on a par with the fractional paper currency. You are therefore right in saying that in the *present* state of the gold and silver market, the subsidiary coins would not circulate. There would, however, be a great advantage in putting the Treasury Department (by law) in a position to commence the coinage of silver at once; so that we may accumulate a sufficient stock, by the time that the full resumption is provided for.

The amount for which silver is a legal tender should be largely increased. It is now only $5: too small for any practicable purpose. So long as it continues to be five dollars, subsidiary silver coins will not take the place of fractional currency. Above or beyond $5 silver is no more ~~desirable~~ valuable than currency, and not so convenient.

Very truly Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. W. Townsend, M.C.
West Chester
Pa

Decr 28 4

Dear Sir,

In old times the penny, or denier, was a silver coin. Some of them are quite rare, others quite common. A dealer can tell you whether it is worth fifty cents, or ten dollars.

I advise you to address Mr J. W. Haseltine, Chesnut St. Philad.

Yours resp'y

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Mr R. N. Frisbee
Union City
Pa

Dec 28 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 22d inst, I herewith enclose duplicate b/d in your name from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $897.21 coin. the nett proceeds of the recoinage of $901. light coin forwarded by you on the 22d.

I also forward duplicate Mint Memorandum No 1274.

I will thank you for a special acknowledgement of the receipt of the b/d.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

J. M. Davy. Esq.
Collector of Customs.
Rochester
N. Y.

Dec 29 4

Sir

Your letter of the 28th inst, with its enclosure for the Consul General of Switzerland, has been received.

Our records do not furnish any evidence that a medal was ever struck at this Mint in honor of the late F. R. Hassler, formerly Supt of the U. S. Coast Survey, nor have any of our officers or clerks connected with medal affairs, any recollection of such a medal. Our Assayer, Mr. DuBois is positive that no such medal was ever struck here.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Dec 26 4

Sir

On the 19th of December inst, I advertised, under the 29th Section of "The Coinage Act of 1873," for proposals until Saturday Dec 26. for supplying this Mint with 20.000 lbs Copper; 1000 lbs Zinc, and 1000 lbs Tin. and in reply received the following offers.

Names.		Copper.	Zinc.	Tin.
Merchant & Co	Dec 24.	23 $\frac{93}{100}$ Lake.	Lehigh 11½ cts	25 7/8 [illegible]
Do do	" 26.	23 $\frac{73}{100}$ L. Superior.	Lehigh 11¼ cts	25 7/8
Gougenay R. J.		24 Best Lake.	Lehigh 10,	25 3/4
Trotter N. & Co		24 " "	Lehigh 7 [illegible]	25
Pope Cole & Co		23 3/8 Best.		

According to this schedule, the successful bidders are as follows.

20.000 lbs Copper, Pope Cole & Co at 23 3/8 c p

1000 lbs. Zinc. L. J. Fougeray. at 10¢ per lb.
1000 " Tin. N. Trotter & Co. " 25¢ " "

The Zinc offered by N. Trotter & Co. at 7¢ per lb. is manifestly an inferior article, not suited to our purposes.

The original proposals are herewith enclosed for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 29 4

Dear Sir

The dies of the "Alcorn medal" referred to in your note of the 28th inst, are in the responsible custody of the Coiner of the Mint, and in compliance with your request, they will be carefully preserved there: subject to any future directions you may have to give with regard to them.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
J. L. Alcorn.
U. S. Senate.

Dec 30 74

Sir

By request of the Director of the Mint I herewith forward to you a specimen, in copper, of a proposed ten dollar international coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Dana Bickford.
No 751 Broadway
New York.

Decr 30 4

Sir,

The cut half of a $3 piece sent by you, & herewith returned, is genuine, but defective by reason of a flaw, which must have prevented the piece from ringing, and therefore made it suspicious. This will happen in rare cases.

It weighs 39 grains, & is therefore worth $1.58 (gold) showing remarkable exactness in dividing it. The piece is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Elmer Washburn Esq
Chief of S.S. Division
Solicitor's Office
Treasury Department

Dec 30 4

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of Eighteen Thousand two Hundred Dollars, ($18.200) for the service of this Mint, during the month of January 1875: out of the following appropriations

For Salaries	$3,200
" Wages	15,000

As this requisition is very moderate. but little more than half the usual amount, I earnestly hope it may be convenient to favor me with an early remittance.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully

Dec 31 4

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of December 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Decr 31 4

Dear Sir

The sample you sent does not look very promising, & there is not enough of it to assay.

It will be necessary to send at least half a pound, in the rock, & not in powder; also five dollars to pay the expense.

Yours respy
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr Alex. J. Bondurant
Howardsville
Albemarle Co.
Virginia

Decr 31 4

Dear Sir,

The mineral sent by you has been assayed, and contains only a trace of silver.
The mint Charge is five dollars.

So far as our experience goes, it is of no use to expect silver from Arkansas or Missouri lead ores.

Respy yours

Supdt.

Mr W. H. Crawford
Dayton
Sebastian Co. Arkansas

Decr 31 4

J. M. C. Rank Esqr. Scranton, Pa
(introduced by Mr Hickok)

Dear Sir,

The mineral specimen from Iron River, Ontonagon, Mich. left by you, contains

Silver, thirty three doll. per ton, 2000 lbs.
Gold, ten doll. " "
33 + 10 = $43. —

This, though not rich, would no doubt pay to work, if a fair average.

Mint Charge $5. recd

Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supdt.

Dec 31 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged, at This Mint, for the month ending December 31. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31. 74

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter (S.M.U.) of October 29. 1874, I herewith forward, in compliance with your request, a statement setting forth in detail the transactions of this Mint during the month of December 1874, in the exchange, redemption, issue and coinage of all minor coins, and showing the amount by denominations of such coins on hand at the close of business on the last day of that month.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secy of the Treasury
Washington.

Dec 31 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward a letter for the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting, in compliance with his special request (I.R.U) of October 29. ult, a statement of the entire coinage operations of this Mint, during the month of December 1874, which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 31 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of this Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$630.434.36
Silver	228.161.65
Ord a/c regular	34.293.69
Minor Coinage	83.412.15
" Coins Exchanged	1.125.70
" " Re-issued	3.950.00
" Coinage Redemption.	91.368.33
	$1.072.745.88

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Crawford
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending January 2. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 5

Sir

The copy of the telegram of Supt Lagrange, saying the arrow head had been omitted on dies of 1875, has been received.

It was omitted because its mission had been fulfilled. It was placed on the silver subsidiary coins in 1873 to distinguish the coinage of that year under the old law, from the coinage under the new Coinage Act. When placed there it was understood to be only temporary, and to be omitted in 1874, but was inadvertently continued.

After your appointment you approved of this arrangement the same as adopted in 18 for on that coinage the arrow-head appeared to mark the change for the year, and after 1854 that omitted. Its omission now was by that previous arrangement, and in accordance with established precedent. It has served its purpose, and its omission improves the appearance of the coin, It can be of no possible injury in any conceivable way. It is now wholly unnecessary, and therefore very properly, by virtue of the arrangement referred to, omitted.

There is no necessity to

to delay the coinage of 1875 at San Francisco.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 24

Sir

Your letter of Dec 31st is received.

As an accommodation the Mint makes assays of ores for private citizens, but only to see if they contain gold or silver. We do not make assays for other metals. A fair average sample of the mineral of, say half a pound, or less, in weight, would be sufficient for the purpose. The charge is $5 - currency, for each assay, to cover the cost of the operation.

Very Respty

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. R. L. Long.
Muncy Pa

Jany 25

Gentleman

I have received from the Treasury Department, at Washington, a letter for you, in my care, supposed to contain a draft for the amount of your bill for advertising proposals for the Mint in May last.

Please call and get it.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
E Morwitz & Co.
No 4 Girard St
Philadelphia

Jany 2 5

Gentlemen.

Your proposal of the 26th ultimo to furnish one (1000) thousand pounds Straits Tin, at 25 cents per pound delivered at this Mint free of expense, has been approved and accepted, subject to the Mint assay as to quality.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Nathan Trotter & Co
No 36 N Front St.
Philadelphia

Jany 26

Sir

Your proposal of the 26th ult. to furnish one (1000) thousand pounds Lehigh Zinc, at ten (10) cents per pound, delivered at this Mint, free of expense, has been approved and accepted, subject to the Mint assay as to quality.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. R. J. [illegible]
No 102 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

Jany 26

Gentlemen.

Your proposal of the 24th ultimo, to furnish twenty (20,000) thousand pounds ingot copper, at twenty three and three eighths (23⅜) cents per pound, delivered at this Mint, free of expense, has been approved and accepted, subject to the Mint assay as to quality.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
Pape. Bode & Co.
Baltimore
Md

Jany 4 5

Sir

Inclosed I forward the oath of Henry Winter Hyde, Assistant Calculator in the Melter & Refiners Department of this Mint,

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 4th 5

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenditures for December 1874.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 6 — 4

Mr. Chas. Goddard.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 2d inst, I have to say that the 2 cent bronze piece was first issued in 1864. and was discontinued in 1873. by Act of Congress. The 3 cent _nickel_ was first coined in 1865 and is still issued. The silver 3 cent piece was first struck in 1851. and discontinued in 1873. The 5 cent _nickel_ was first issued in 1866. and is still struck The 5 cent silver piece was discontinued in 1873. April 1st.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Providence. R.I.

Telegram

January 5. 5

A. D. Chamberlin
Youngstown, O.

The proceeds, in Coin, of your package, will be forwarded by Express this evening.

Geo. [illegible]
Supt U. S. Mint

(Collect)

Jany 5. 5

Sir

I herewith forward statement of coin deliveries made, and coins for the annual assay reserved, at this Mint, during the quarter ending December 31 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 5 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward C/D of this date in ~~your~~ my favor from the Ass't Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, No 1724. for $25,000. on account of minor coinage profits, and have to request that you will forward the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Jany 6 5

Sir

Referring to our recent conference on the subject, I have to report that an increase in our annealing facilities has become a necessity.

Three plans were presented to me yesterday by the Coiner for the erection of additional annealing furnaces, with the probable cost of each; a copy of which I enclose for your information.

The first plan is objectionable, and I leave it out of the calculation.

The third plan is the most comprehensive and desirable; but I deem it inexpedient in the present juncture of affairs, on account of the great expense, and the time that would be required to do the work.

The second plan proposed would furnish the desired annealing facilities, with the least loss of time or interference with the general plan and appearance of the building, and at a comparatively moderate cost, and I recommend that this plan be adopted. This would give us two additional furnaces, all that we need at this time, and they could be erected on this plan at very little more than the cost of one. Two would increase our working facilities fifty per cent. From careful consideration of this subject, & think an appropriation of Fifteen Thousand dollars ($15,000) would be sufficient for the purpose. It ought not to be less than that.

I expect to forward a more detailed estimate in a day or two.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6 5

Sir

We have to report that the obverse working dies of this Mint, of the year 1874, six hundred and thirty five (635) in number, have been defaced and destroyed by the Coiner, in the presence of the Superintendent and Assayer, as required by the 51 st. Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm E DuBois
Assayer

A Loudon Snowden
Coiner

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 7 7

Sir

I herewith return statement of assay coins reserved at this Mint during the month of December 1874, with two inadvertent errors corrected.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Elliott

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 7 8

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 6th inst I will forward you a statement, on the blanks furnished, of the coins reserved at the Mints at Philadelphia San Francisco and Carson during the calendar year 1877, for the annual assay.

But the statement I shall send you for the Mint at San Francisco will have to be a matter of calculation on my part, as far as the number of pieces is concerned, from the reason that the Superintendent of that Mint reports to me only the number of packages and value of each denomination, and not the number of pieces, as you will see by the enclosed copy of his letter advising me of the shipment of this assay coins for the 3d quarter of 1874. which I send as a sample ~~of~~ his letters being all alike on that subject.

Would it not be a [illegible] policy to furnish all the coining Mints with uniform blanks on which to make the quarterly statement of coins reserved for the annual assay.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 7 6

Sir

I desire to call your attention to the fact that a better and more reliable supply of water for this Mint is necessary for our future operations. To secure it, an artesian well sunk on the Mint premises, will in my judgment be the best and most economical arrangement that could be made to meet our wants in this direction.

I have invited a statement on this subject from Prof. Booth, our Melter and Refiner, a copy of which I enclose, for your consideration. I entirely agree with him in the opinion that the cost would not exceed the capital – a little less than $10.000 – represented by the amount (30-83) we annually pay for the use of the city water, with the added advantage of being always sure of our water supply, and free from the risk of all adverse contingencies, whether arising from drouth, or casualties to the city water works, I think the ~~whole~~ well could be put down by workmen now on our pay rolls, under the supervision of some of our employes who have had large experience in sinking oil wells. This would materially lessen the cost of the improvement, unless it should be deemed advisable to have it done by contract.

An appropriation will be required to defray the cost of the well, and the requisite fixtures for the distribution of the water, and I earnestly commend the subject to your early and favorable consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Arch't

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8th 5

Sir.

In my weekly Transcript to the Treasurer of the U.S. I am reporting since the 12th of September last, the sum of $11.258.20, the difference between the bullion and tale value of the light gold Coins received, yet unsettled. I do not know why this balance has not been eliminated by the Treasurer before this, and I would thank you to do me the favor of looking after it when you find it convenient to do so.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Jany 8 5

J. L. Terhune Esqr Cashier

Sir

The examination of the coin sent by you, is interesting and important. The piece is counterfeit, but likely to deceive most persons.

Without making an analysis, we prove its falsity by a comparison of the lettering, and other devices; and by its weight, which is $71\frac{3}{4}$ grains, the genuine being $77\frac{1}{2}$.

We have restored the original color, (as it had become much discolored) and you will see that it still has a tint which shows that it contains less nickel, & more copper, than the genuine; probably this mixture was from the old nickel cent.

The piece is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours

Freehold N. J.

Jany 8 5

Sir

We only assay ores of gold or silver; the expense being five dollars.

If you wish an assay soon, you had better apply to Messrs Booth & Garrett, Chant St., or to Prof. Genth, University, Philada.

Yours respy
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr J. H. Schaeck
Lebanon
Warren Co. Ohio

Jany 9 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending January 9. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 9 5

Sir

I herewith forward duplicate B/D of this date, No 71, in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $40.81, coin, on a/c of Duties on Imports, the same being the nett proceeds of the recoinage of your remittance of the 4th inst, deposited for coinage by Geo. C Thompson, Agent of the Adams Express Co. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No 23. I have to request that you will forward to me, as my voucher, a special acknowledgement of the receipt of the B/D.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock

R. S. Burch. Esq
Collector of Customs.
Petersburg Va.

Telegram

January 9. 5

Mr. D. Jacobs
Columbia. S. C.

The Mint price of Silver is One hundred and sixteen cents per standard ounce, paid at the Mint. See circular by mail.

Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint

(Collect)

Jany 9 5

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst, on the subject of the prices fixed for the manufacture of Centennial Medals and requesting a statement of the cost at which we are furnishing them &c, has been received.

The price is as follows

Silver Medal, dollar size, manufacturing .07
Bronze " " size, labor and " .10
Large bronze " " " " 2.25
Large gold and silver medals, see letter of Coiner.

For the silver medals the Centennial Commission furnish the bullion. The charge here is for manufacturing.

We have made no large gold or silver medals, but furnish now a statement by the Coiner of their cost, if such should hereafter be ordered.

For the bronze medals the material is furnished by us. The original estimate has been mislaid, and I now enclose the estimate of the Coiner of the cost of manufacture &c as requested.

In your letter you say that you assume that I have fixed the price, this is true, but not without having first consulted you. A short time after the medal dies were prepared you were at the Mint, and I introduced the subject of prices, and we discussed it fully, taking such estimates of labor and material as seemed proper, and placing the price so as not to exceed the actual cost. The amount now charged was named, and after consideration, we were both as I supposed, satisfied that the price was proper. At the conclusion of the interview I considered the matter settled — the price fixed with your approval. Perhaps the error was in not reducing to writing our conclusions, and thus more formally complying with the regulations. Under the circumstances, I did not deem it necessary; but hereafter verbal conclusions will be avoided if possible.

The prices fixed are proper

and satisfactory, and can be approved in form, and thus make the record correspond with the prices charged.

I would regret any misunderstanding on this subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

January 9 '75

Sir,

I herewith forward our Melter and Refiner's statement of Gold Melts for Ingots made at this Mint from April 1. 1873 to December 1. 1874, and the amended Condemnation during the same period, together with an explanatory letter from the Melter & Refiner.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Jany 12 68

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst requesting me to send you a copy of the Contract with the Adams Express Company for the transportation of minor coins, has been received.

I regret that I cannot furnish you with a copy, as I have not been able to find such contract here; and on application to Mr. Geo. C. Thompson Agent of the Adams Express Company, he cannot furnish a copy. At my request he has given me the terms of the contract as understood by all the parties, on the basis of which the minor coins have been transported to

the Company for at least
ten or twelve years,

At the suggestion of Mr
Robt Patterson, then Book Keeper,
the charges of the Company
were simplified, and after
conference with Mr Bingham,
the Supt of the Company, by
myself, Mr Patterson and your-
self as Director Clerk, the
present schedule was agreed
upon, and Mr Bingham soon
after went to Washington
with it, and there the then
Secretary of the Treasury with
Mr Bingham, or some other
authority of the Express
Company confirmed the ar-
rangement proposed here.

Whether this agreement
was ever reduced to writing
I do not know. I have

ver had a copy. As all
ese contracts were made by
e Secretary of the Treasury,
d not by the Director of the
Mint, I presume the contract,
if in writing, would be on file
in the Department. The change
in the mode of charging was
made between 1862 and 1865. I
cannot remember the exact
date, The terms are those stated
in Mr Thompsons letter, copy of
which is herewith enclosed,

If the contract cannot be
found, or a copy procured, it
would be well to revise these
contracts, reduce them to writing
and file them, if desired.

I enclose copies of contracts
for transporting bullion, furnished by
Mr. Thompson.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director &c.

Jany 12th 5

Sir.

Per your request of yesterday I hand you herewith a Statement of the manner in which the Sum of $ 11.258.20 is obtained as the balance of loss unsettled in the recent recoinage.

The Sum total recoined was		$ 34.219.054.71
which produced		34.073.575.33
Showing a loss of		$ 145.479.38

which has been partially settled at the Treasurer's Office in Washington, and this Mint notified of the same as follows, viz-

June 27th 1873 - Treasury Draft No. 3393 A -	$ 88.379.68	
Aug. 8th 1873, Treasury Dft. No. 3970 A	5.810.12	
Sept. 9th 1873, Treasury Dft. No. 4621 A	40.031.38	$ 134.221.1
Balance Loss to be settled		$ 11.258.2

You will understand that this loss is not charged in the accounts proper of the Mint, the light coin having been received only at its bullion value. But an auxiliary account has been kept for the convenience of the Treasurer of the U. S. showing what has been received by sale, the return in new coin and the net loss. Each week a statement has been rendered him, and from time to time he has notified me that such a Draft has been passed to his credit, and I have given him credit for the same against this loss in his Transcript.

Very Respectfully Yours

Ja. Pollock

Supt

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 12 – 5

Sir

Upon the receipt of the circular request of the 8th inst from A. L. Sturtevant, Esq., Principal Clerk of the Stationery and Printing Division, to transmit report of official postage stamps used at this Mint during the month of November 1874, I was of the confident impression that the report had already been forwarded, but not finding a duplicate on file, concluded that I am mistaken, I am therefore obliged, from the necessity of the case, to include November and December 1874 in one, which is herewith forwarded to you. Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Acting Supt.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

Jany 12 5

Sir

The piece of metal sent by you contains no silver and is of no value.

Yours respy

Jas Pollock
Supdt.

Mr B. F. Cowan
Hilliens Store
Marshall Co.
Alabama

Jany 13 6

Sir

Upon the receipt yesterday of your letter of the 11th inst, inquiring at what rate we could refine (separate) Washoe bullion which averages 40% value gold, and containing about 5 parts in 1000 base metals; I had a conference with our Melter-Refiner upon the subject, and have since received from him an estimate in writing a copy of which I herewith enclose, embracing 1. Rate of quantity which we can refine. 2. Rate of charge for refining silver.

After giving the subject careful consideration, I believe the estimates to be careful and reliable, and they meet my entire approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10 5

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst has been received.

As an accommodation the Mint makes assays of ores for private citizens, but only to see if they contain gold or silver. We do not make assays for other metals. A fair average sample of the mineral of, say half a pound, or less, in weight, would be sufficient for the purpose. The charge is $5. currency, for each assay, to cover the cost of the operation.

Very Respy

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. J. W. White,
Pacific, Mo.

Jany 18

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received

I regret to say that the package of old gold you mention has not yet been received at the Mint. You could doubtless ascertain at the Express office in Washington, what train it was forwarded by, and thus learn definitely whether it was lost on the train that was burned.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
J. K. Eidenheimer.
1238 Penna Av
Washington. D.C.

Jany 14 5
5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst, I have to inform you that the proceeds of the deposit you sent to the Mint on the 6th inst, was forwarded to your address on Jany 11. 1875, amounting to $64.42, by Adams Express Co.

Yours Respt'y
W. S. Hickox
Acting Supt

Mr.
Geo Simms.
79 Barr St
Cincinnati
Ohio

Jany 14 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following statements.

1. Gold Workings in the Coiners Department during the months of October and November 1874.

2. Silver Workings in the Coiners Department during the months of October and November and December, 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 14 5

Sir

The box of assay coins from your Mint for the quarter ending December 31. 1874. has been received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Jany 14 [illegible]

Sir

The three boxes of assay coins from your Mint for the quarter ending December 31. 1874 has been received.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

James Crawford, Esq

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson

Jany 14 5

Sir

I herewith enclose the following certificates of deposit of this date from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, in my favor, which I will thank you to forward to the Secretary of the Treasury.

1. No. 1762. $27.86 silver coin, on a/c of Silver Coinage Charges.
2. No. 1763. $2,764.56 gold coin on a/c of Gold Coinage Charges.
3. No. 1764. $15,000. Silver coin on a/c of Silver Profits.

My special instructions from the Secretary are to forward all C/D without any accompanying letter; this not being necessary; but I take the liberty of forwarding them through you, for your information.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 15 [illegible]

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 6th inst, I herewith forward statements of the number and value of the gold and silver coins received from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson for the annual assay for the calendar year 1874. as reported by the respective Superintendents. The number of pieces from the San Francisco Mint is from calculation only and for the quarter merely. it being out of my power, for reasons stated in my letter to you of the 7th inst to report the separate months.

The statement for this Mint will be delayed some days to enable the Cashier to verify his accounts as usual. In the mean time I will thank you to forward me another blank, the one sent having been inadvertantly filled up too soon.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 16 5

Sir

Inclosed herewith I ~~forward~~ Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending January 16. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Jany 18 8

Sir

I have received to day from our Melter and Refiner, a communication stating that the silver received from the N.Y. Assay office under a conditional arrangement with regard to quality, assented to by me, on the 26th of December ultimo, is contrary to the assurances given very far below A. No. 1. metal, at least for coining purposes, and is objectionable on other grounds stated. I herewith forward a copy of Prof Booth's letter for your information, and shall to day transmit a copy to the Superintendent of the

N. Y. Assay Office, and notify him that we cannot consent to receive any other than fine silver hereafter.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 18 5

Sir—

I am to day informed by Prof. Booth, our Melter and Refiner, that the silver received from the N. Y. Assay Office, under the conditional arrangement as to quality, acceded to by me on the 26th of December, ult., is, contrary to assurances given us, far below A. No. 1. metal, at least for coining purposes, and is otherwise objectionable.

I enclose a copy of Prof. Booth's letter for your information and have to add that I cannot consent to receive any but fine silver hereafter.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Thos C. Acton. Esq
Supt. N. Y. Assay Office

Jany 19 5

Sir

I transmit herewith, as promised in my letter of the 6th inst, a draft of the proposed alteration to increase the annealing facilities of the Coiners Department, which it is estimated will cost about fifty four hundred dollars, ($5400) exclusive of annealing furnaces which would cost about two thousand dollars additional.

If the Government will not give us an appropriation sufficient to make the proper and better improvement, the carrying out of the two angles of the rear of the building, the next best thing is to make the proposed improvement in accordance with the plan herewith submitted. It is the only feasible plan left us if the other is not adopted.

I have the honor to remain,

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
Col. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 19 5

Sir

Referring to your instructions of the 18th inst, to purchase one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver bullion at the rate of one hundred and twelve an a half cents per ounce standard payable in gold coin from our bullion fund, is it your intention that I shall advertise in the news papers for proposals, or merely give notice by letter to such persons or bankers as are known to me to be dealers in bullion?. And in giving notice is it your expectation that there will be any offers below 112½ cents, or do you merely wish to pro rata the amount of bullion called for between as many dealers as may offer at the price fixed?

Your reply will relieve me from some little uncertainty with regard to the points indicated.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 19 6

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst, in relation to the coinage of dimes out of our silver bullion fund &c, has been received.

We have received and have now in process of coining a large amount of silver bullion from the N.Y. Assay Office with directions to coin into half dollars. I presume your direction to coin dimes is not intended to interfere with such special requests from the Assay Office or private depositors. The Assay Office, no doubt hereafter in compliance with your order, will not send bullion to be returned in half or quarter dollars, if it can be avoided.

We will make all the dimes we can without interfering with the gold coinage &c, as you suggest.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 19 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst requesting me to examine the pay of employees to see if any reduction can be made therein, I have the honor to say that I requested the operative officers to examine the rolls of their respective departments, and report to me their views on the subject matter of your note. I herewith enclose copies of their replies, and I have also examined the rolls and pay of all the employees in the Mint, and agree with the officers that the compensation now allowed enough in justice to the employees in the true interests of this Institution be reduced. So long as skill, care, industry and integrity are required, sound policy demands that a fair compensation should be paid. The wages here are moderate, in fact in some cases less than they should be. I cannot advise a reduction, and all our operative officers agree with me in this.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 19 5

Sir

Enclosed please find copy of a letter received this A.M. from the Supt of the New York Assay Office, requesting that the coining of certain invoices of silver be changed from Half Dollars to Dimes; also a copy of our Melter & Refiners reply. His reasons for hesitating to do so meet my entire approval and I have to request that you reply by telegraph that he may know at once what to do.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany 19 8

Sir

I herewith forward the following Statements for the month of December 1877.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

2. Gold and Silver of Domestic production.

3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20 5

Sir

I herewith forward tabular statement of the number and value of the coins reserved at this Mint during the calender year 1874, for the annual assay in February next.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 20th 5

Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday enquiring as to the regulations in effect at the present time for accounting for bullion between this Mint and the New York Assay Office, I would state that for many years bullion has been received from that institution on precisely the same footing as other deposits; charges for coinage, parting &c. deducted, and returns made in such denominations as are ordered. The expenses each way of transporting gold coin and bars, and silver (Trade) Dollars and bars, has been paid from the appropriation for that purpose, and Subsidiary Silver Coins have been made, the Silver Profit & Loss a/c. of the Mint paying the cost of transportation both ways. Prior to August 1873 the bills of the Express Co. for transportation of Gold and Silver for Recoinage were paid at the Mint; since that time they have been settled in Washington, and do not appear in the Mint a/c's at all, the appropriation not being drawn upon, as the settlement is made in coin.

The present System works smoothly, and we do not here see any cause for altering it.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Jany 20 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 19th inst, I herewith transmit a copy of the correspondence in the latter part of December 1874, between the Melter & Refiner of the New York Assay Office, and the Melter & Refiner of this Mint, with regard to receiving other than fine silver from the Assay Office, also a copy of our M&R's letter to me, and mine to the Supt of the Assay Office on the same subject.

I also enclose a copy of a letter to me of this date from our M&R. whose explanation of the transactions referred to is correct.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman &c.
Director &c

Jany 21 5

Dear Sir

Your box contains clay, the pale kind, and the bluish, might be a good brick clay; the other varieties are also clay a little tinted with iron.

Respy yours

J. [illegible]
Supt.

Mr
P. K. Grove
West Milton
Union Co Pa.

Jany 21 5

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sir

During your absence in California, an application came here from Mr. F. Latasa of New York, on behalf of a foreign Government not named, to know at what charge this Mint would coin for them a million of dollars in silver, of the sizes of 20, 10, and 5 cents.

We made an estimate, of labor, materials and wastage (the latter based upon the last settlements of our own wastage) and assuming an equal number of pieces of each size, making say eleven millions of pieces, the actual cost need not exceed twelve thousand dollars in gold; but of course a small profit should be added.

Mr. Latasa now renews the application

as you will see by his letter, enclosed. I have written to him, that the question is referred to you.

The prospect of plenty of silver work on our own account, alters the case very materially; and I submit to you, whether it is likely that we shall soon be so much employed as to be unable to take this piece of work. It would occupy at least three months, with our present force.

At the same time, it would be creditable to us, and in accordance with a section of the late Mint law, to coin money for foreign countries, or colonies; and especially for sister states in America, not wishing to maintain a Mint. Such outside work is done by the London Mint, and elsewhere.

Very respectfully
your obt. servant
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Jany 21 5

F. Latasa Esqr

Dear Sir,

The charge for coining silver for the foreign Government which you represent, has to be settled by the Director of the Mint, at Washington. I have referred the matter to him, and will reply as soon as his answer comes, unless he replies to you directly.

Respectfully yours

Commercial Warehouse Co
29 William St
N.Y.

J W Pollock
Sup

Jany 21st 5

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for Melting and Recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Forty Five Hundred (4,5[illegible]-00/100) Dollars in Old Copper cents; as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24 April 1873, and letter of 23d Jany 1874; also letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of Oct. 29th 1874.

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Jany 21st 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Forty five hundred (4500) Dollars to reimburse you for a like Sum of Old Copper Cents withdrawn from your Redemption Fund for recoinage.

Very Respy Yours

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 22 5

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 21st inst, is at hand.

If you send us seven sound and unabraded gold dollars of 1873, we will return you an equal number of 1874.

Very Respty

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Starr & Marcus
22 John St.
New York.

Jany 23 0

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 20th inst, I herewith forward a copy of a letter of the 21st inst, from Prof Booth, our Melter & Refiner, giving his general views, which accord with my own impressions, with regard to artesian wells in this locality, and the probability of reaching by this means a full supply of water for the Mint. I may add to this the fact which I have ascertained that the artesian well at the Continental Hotel in this city is 275 feet deep, of which about 180 feet was through solid rock and that, to test its capacity aside from its natural flow, they pumped it at one time, by steam power, for forty eight hours, at the rate of sixty gallons a minute, without being able to exhaust or diminish the supply.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Jany 23 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Reports of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending January 23. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 28. 5

Sir

I herewith enclose a tabular statement from our Melter - Refiner of silver melts condemned during the month of December 1874 together with a copy of a letter of explanation from him.

You will observe that nineteen out of the twenty three registered melts were clearly within the legal tolerance prescribed by the Coinage Act of 1873, and in my opinion ought not to have been rejected. If the law is wrong let it be repealed, but while it stands our operative officers should conform, as nearly as practicable, to its provisions,

The first time you are here I would like to have a personal conference with you in regard to rejected melts

Very Respectfully
J. W. Boyd
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 26 5

Gentleman.
Enclosed we send you seven (7) gold dollars of 1874. in exchange for an equal number received this day from you by Express, of the date of 1873.

Very Respy
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Starr & Marcus.
P. O Box 5534.
New-York

Jany 26 75

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst, enclosing memorandum of bill for advertising in the Herald in October last, proposals for minor coinage metals, was duly received.

This is the first notice I have had of your bill. The previous account you speak of never having reached me. Not receiving any bill, I supposed the advertisement, from whatever cause, had never been inserted.

The bill is only payable out of the appropriations to this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874. The accounts for which have long since been audited and closed, and the unexpended balance covered into the U. S. Treasury, beyond my control,

If, however, you will send me duplicate receipted bills, as required by the regulations, I will mark them approved, and forward them the Director of the Mint at Washington, to be by him presented to the Treasury Department for payment. If that can still be done, you will receive a Treasury draft for the amount.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

James G. Bennett Esq.
N. Y. Herald.
New York

Jany 20th 8

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst requesting me to furnish the minimum cost of a medal from the Nathan R. Smith dies &c. has been received.

With due regard to the public interests, and as a business transaction, the cost, by the quantity, would be as follows.

Metal 10 cts

Labor 50 cts including bronzing &c

Total 60 cts to which a fair profit to the Govt should be added, say, 20 or 30 cts. making the price, by the quantity, about 80 cts a piece.

The relief of this die is high, and will require repeated blows, which you know adds to the cost. Medals of a corresponding size and relief sell here at from $1.50. to $2.00, one dollar would be a fair and reasonable charge for these medals.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Jany 26 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 22d inst, I find it will take from twelve to fourteen days to convert the 174.064.09 ozs fine silver forwarded from the N. Y. Assay office, into Half Dollars and Dimes.

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst, I agree with you that it is very desirable to postpone the proposed purchase of silver bullion for the present.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

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Jany 26 5

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No. 1815 for Fifty Seven Dollars in currency, deposited this day with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on a/c of money received for Assay of Ores, Slips of gold not deposited, &c., for Second half year of 1874, received this day from Mr DuBois, Assayer

Very respectfully

Ja. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Jany 27

Sir

I am this A.M. in receipt of your favor of the 25th inst, enclosing your check to my order on the Fourth National Bank New York for One Hundred Dollars, to pay for that amount of minor coins forwarded to you by mistake, in excess of the amount ordered by you. The inadvertance was on the part of the Express Agent, and occurred in the way you supposed.

Thanking you cordially for your prompt and courteous remittance of the difference,

I remain
Yours Truly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm Babson, Esq
Cashr. Gloucester Nat. Bank
Mass

Jany 25 5

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst asking my opinion and that of the Assayer and Melter & Refiner as to whether it is desirable to use the Miller process for refining and toughening at this Mint, has been received.

I have heretofore expressed my opinion in favor of this Process, and believe from what I have seen and know in relation to it, that for refining bullion in which golds preponderates, and separating the gold therein from the silver, it is the cheapest and best mode that has been introduced and used for such purposes.

The right to use this Chlorine Process should be procured; but whether the present is the time to make the purchase in view of the financial condition of the Country, I refer to those in authority who consider and determine those questions.

I herein enclose copies of the letters of Mr Du Bois, Assayer, and Prof Booth, Melter & Refiner, giving their views respectively on this subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 29 5

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of Eighteen thousand dollars for the service of this Mint for the month of February proximo, out of the following appropriations for the current fiscal year,

Salaries	$3.200.
Wages	15.000.

the same as the current month

As this is a comparatively small amount, I hope the draft may be forwarded early in the month for our convenience

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

H. F. Rice
Supt

Jany 29 —

Sir

I have this day received from you for the Library of this Mint, vols III and V and accompanying atlas, of Mr. Clarence Kings report of the Geological Exploration of the 40th parallel.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

Jany 29 5

Sir

Calling your attention to my letter to you of December 27. 1877. I have to state that Messrs Caldwell & Mather, called on me yesterday to enquire if any remittance had been received from you for the amount of their bill $28,00 for the fire brick furnace linings shipped to you on Dec 27. via Sacramento. Not having any advices from you on this subject since the linings were forwarded. I write to say that the manufacturers will be greatly obliged to you for a prompt remittance.

I desire to close the

account

without any unnecessary delay.
Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev.

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Jany 29 8

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst, on the subject of the price paid for crucibles and wood at this Mint, and asking what objection there is to obtaining all the leading articles required by the Mint by inviting sealed proposals for the same, has been received.

As the crucibles are purchased by and for the use of the Melter and Refiners Department I referred the question of price and mode of purchase to Prof Booth, and that relating to wood to the Coiner, through whom the purchase is made, and in whose department nearly all the wood is used.

I enclose copies of their

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respective replies. These to me are satisfactory, and I also have to say that the prices heretofore paid for crucibles and wood, considering the quality of those articles—the best in the market, and best for the purpose, were not in excess of the regular market rates,—but as low as could be furnished by regular and honest dealers and manufacturers any where.

The practice here has been, both in the Melter & Refiners department and the Coiners, by my direction, to ascertain from regular dealers, either by personal or written communication, the prices of the articles required, and when ascertained to purchase at the lowest rates.

As regards the price of crucibles, I may say that there are two or three first class manufactories here producing A. No. 1. crucibles, fully as well adapted to our use for safety and endurance as the best of those procured elsewhere. In addition to this, the price paid heretofore, 4½ ¢ per no. now 4 ¢. is lower than was ever offered since my connection with the Mint, until now, by any leading manufacturers in New York, or elsewhere. Before the manufacture of crucibles was started in this city, we paid 10 ¢ per number. The competition here caused a reduction to 8 ¢ per number, and subsequently to 6 ¢ per no. and as our makers here offered for less than elsewhere, the price was gradually reduced to 4½ ¢, now 4 ¢. less than one-half we paid to makers in New York. We are greatly indebted to home competition for this reduction. and

I feel, that every consideration of justice and economy requires that the manufacturers here should be encouraged; and I may add that if the offer of 3¢ per number for crucibles of equal quality, is made in good faith, and not for the purpose of destroying a competition that has reduced the prices and by such destruction again secure a monopoly, the price here will be reduced as low as elsewhere.

The bill for crucibles rendered by Messrs Black Taylor & Co some days ago, is at the rate of 4¢ per number. No leading manufacturer here or elsewhere can give us ~~as~~ ~~good~~ ~~an~~ better article for less money as ~~that~~ Booth in his letter fully makes manifest. Low prices are are not true economy. Cheap goods are generally poor goods, and so we have found it here.

The letter of the Coiner will explain the mode of purchasing wood and the price paid for the same. The price has not been greater than the market rate for a good article.

The system of inviting sealed proposals for the leading articles required for the Mint, has been tried here once and again, and for such an institution as the Mint is expensive and worse than useless, for many of these articles. 1st. The cost of printing the notices, as a rule, exceeds any advantage derived from a reduction of price in consequence of inviting proposals in that mode. 2d, The lowest bidders are not usually the leading manufacturers and dealers;

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second hand, and generally inferior rate men, are the often the lowest bidders; and as a consequence, inferior articles are attempted to be palmed off for the quality required, and absolutely necessary for the purposes intended. This was emphatically the case with our coal a few years ago. Proposals were invited—bids received—awarded to the lowest bidder at less than the market rates of regular dealers—coal advanced in price—decreased in quality—complaint in all departments of the Mint—contract rescinded—resorted to open market—good coal—good work and all satisfied. Now during the continuance of the "invited" contract, the coal by reason of its inferior quality, and the consequent derangement of business in the melting departments, must have cost and lost us four times the difference in the price asked for good coal; and so in all such contracts here. We must have good material, and for good material a fair price must be paid. Intelligence, honesty, and an open market to which our operative officers can go for just what they want, is better and more convenient and economical for the Mint than any system of proposals printed and published can be. We are careful to procure the best, and for the lowest price, by personal or written application to the principal manufacturers and dealers. In thus procuring our supplies we act in reference to the best interests of this

Mint, and the country, A change is not desirable, nor would it be of any real benefit to the government financially or otherwise.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Jany 29 6

Sir

We are now out of silver, and if you see proper to forward further invoices we are prepared to receive them.

Very Respectfully
Jas R. Snowden
Supt

Thos C. Acton.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York

Jany. 30th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Trans-fer Order for the Sum of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Five (12.375) Dollars to reimburse you for minor Coins withdrawn from your Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer United States
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 5

Sir

I enclose herewith approved duplicate bill of R. A. McClure for $51. for full proof sett of U. S. coins of 1875. for the Mint Cabinet, and one ancient Byzantine coin. also for the Cabinet which I forward for payment. I having no appropriation at my command for this purpose

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for month of January 1875.

2. Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending January 30. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 30 6

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$586.627.21
Silver	159.603.17
Ord. Ofc regular	25.601.55
Minor Coinage	94.204.95
" Coins Exchanged	1.175.65
" " Reissued	12.375.00
" Coinage Redemption	92.690.47
	$972.278.00

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 15

Sir

The enclosed inquiry from the Cashier of the First National Bank at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with regard to the distribution of subsidiary silver coin under the recent Act of Congress, is one that properly belongs to you to answer, and I accordingly forward it for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1 5

Sir

On the 29th ult, in pursuance of advises from our Melter and Refiner, I notified the Superintendent of the New York Assay office that we were out of Silver bullion, and that I was ready to receive further supplies. I mention the circumstance now for your information, and such directions, if any, as you may deem desirable.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1st 5

Sir.

I transmit this day per Express my Bullion and Carriage a/cs for the 4th Quarter 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pound

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Feby 1 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged, at this Mint, for month of January 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 25

Sir

I herewith forward an amended requisition for $18,200. for salaries and wages for this Mint, for the current month of February.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
Col. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 26th of January ultimo, I herewith enclose duplicate D.D. No 72, Feby 1, from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, in your favor, for $121.– coin, on a/c of Duties on Imports, being the proceeds of the recoinage of $123. light gold coin forwarded by you on the 29th ultimo, for recoinage, and deposited with the Asst Treasurer by your request. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 111. and have to request that you send me a special acknowledgement of the receipt of the D.D. as my voucher.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Dirtr.

Cyrus Northrop, Esq

U.S. Collector, New-Haven.

Feby 25

Sir

The three cent coin sent by you, and herewith returned, is a cast or counterfeit. It is correct as to size and weight, but is somewhat at fault in the impression, and is not the legal alloy.

If my advice were asked, it would be, not to offer a large, if any, consideration for apprehending the maker of it. This kind of manufacture, by casting, may exercise a manual skill, but it will not pay. If made for circulation, and not for a "consideration", the makers cannot long remain concealed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

James G Brooks. Esq.
56 Bleeker. St
New York.

Feby 2 6

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. in relation to the reservation of full setts of Proof coins for the Mint Cabinet and the payment of the bill therefore, has been received.

Our Cabinet of coins is an honor to the nation, and should be carefully and liberally provided for by the Government. I have always regretted that the special appropriation of $300. for this Cabinet has been abandoned. The general appropriation for the purchase of coins is well enough; but the appropriation special to this Mint should be continued.

It was never abused, and the result is a Cabinet of coins of great value, and creditable to all concerned. With these opinions; and as we have all the coins of our Mint, in full setts, where practicable, from the earliest period down to the present, I do earnestly desire to reserve such setts now and hereafter for our Cabinet, and hope you will direct the payment of the bill sent on the 30th ult.

These coins are not only of interest as exhibiting the progress and increasing artistic excellence of our coinage; but useful in detecting counterfeits. an example of which we had to day from the U. S. Detective Division, and as referred to in the private letter of Mr Du B a copy of which I enclose.

Mr Du Bois, to whom I read your letter, agrees with me that full sets of our coins should be annually added to our Cabinet and our general collection maintained an increased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 3 6

Sir

Your letters of the 2d inst, and 19th ult, relative to the contract of the Adams Express Company, for the transportation of Minor coins &c, have been received.

I have been collecting, when time permitted, such information and data as will enable you to make a contract upon terms alike just to the Government and Express Company. Before reporting, however, the result of my inquiries, I desire to see, and have a personal interview with you, on this subject; and as you will be

be here next week, & will
await your arrival.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 3. 5

Sir

I learn from the Melter and Refiner that we are nearly out of both copper and nickel for minor coinage. We have on hand now of grain nickel about 800 lbs, and of copper only about 200, lbs, not one days working. The Melter and Refiner has been making Bronze during January, and had used up between December 5. 1874. and January 4. 1875 full 20,000 lbs copper.

We should have about 1.000 lbs Nickel and 25.000 to 30.000 lbs copper, and if it meets your approval. I propose to advertise for the amounts designated, under the 29th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Febry 3d., 5

Sir.

Enclosed I forward Memorandums of Recoinage of light Gold coins as requested in yours of the 27th ult.

In this loss by recoinage, the Treasurer U. S. includes the sum of 90\frac{76}{100}$ which sum is the loss on abraded Silver coins received, transmitted by that officer to the Mint for recoinage & credit of his Bullion Fund (see Silver Mem Nos 105. 132. 176.)

On Gold memorandum No. 1005 a small lot of Foreign Gold Coin (which had laid in the Treasury for many years and was a part of his assets) a coinage charge of 7\frac{73}{100}$ was deducted, but was subsequently refunded by order of the Director of the Mint.

In settling this account you will understand that the Mint accts do not bear any part of the loss, and I am not therefore asking for a transfer of funds. I simply request that, the balance of $11,258^{20} yet unsettled by the Treasurer of the U. S. be eliminated in the usual form from the weekly Transcript rendered by me, our accounts proper being in no way affected.

Concerning the appropriation for the recoinage of light coins, I have to state that we have no account of such funds, having no occassion to draw upon them. I must therefre respectfully refer you to the Treasurer of the U.S. who can give you such information as you request, he having notified me of the passing of the several drafts to his credit to cover loss, as set forth in my memorandum statement now in your hands for adjustment.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

1st Auditor U. S. Treasury

Washington, D.C.

Feby 3 5

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter (D. & U.) of October 29. 1874. I herewith forward, in compliance with your request, a statement setting forth in detail the transactions of this Mint during the month of January 1875, in the exchange, redemption, issue and coinage of all minor coins, and showing the amount by denominations of such coins on hand at the close of business on the last day of that month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secy of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 3. 6

Sir

I herewith forward a statement of the Minor Coinage operations of this Mint for the month of January 1876, which, with the accompanying letter, I will thank you to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury, in pursuance of his standing instructions (I. K. U.) to me of October 29. 1874.

I also enclose a duplicate statement for the files of your office.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Feby 3 6

Sir

I will thank you to forward to the Secretary of the Treasury, the enclosed dft of this date, No. 1846, from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, in my favor, for the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars ($25.000) on account of Minor Coinage Profits.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4. 6

Mr. Frank H Bond.
Trenton. N. J.

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 3d inst, I have to say that the first large copper cents, and half cents were coined in 1793. The first silver 3 ct. piece was struck in 1851. The first silver dollars & half dollars in 1794. The first silver quarter dollar, dimes and half dimes in 1796. The coinage of the old copper cents and half cents was discontinued in 1857. In 1873 (April 1) the 3 and 5 ct silver, and 2 ct bronze pieces, were discontinued by Act of Congress.

Very Respfty
Jas C Booth
Supt

Feby 4 5

Sir,

I can only say, in reply to your inquiry, that we have the Model coins you mention; and on conferring with an eminent dealer here, we agree in the opinion that you could not get any price that would make it an object for you to sell.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Henry D. Hall Esq.
622 E Street N.W.
Washington

Feby 5 [illegible]

Sir

Referring to your letter of yesterday, I herewith forward duplicate statements of the amount of gold and silver operated upon by the Melter and Refiner during the month of July 1877. and the loss upon the same, Also a duplicate letter of explanation of August 1st 1877. from the Melter and Refiner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 5 — 5

Sir

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 2d inst to purchase fifty thousand ounces of silver bullion or any part thereof, at the lowest market rate, not exceeding 112½ cents per standard ounce, payable in gold coin out of our bullion fund, I have endeavored through Messrs. Drexel & Co. to make the desired purchase, but find that it cannot be done in the present state of the market under about 115 cents per standard ounce, exclusive of the Express charges from New York, and Drexel & Co's commission of one fourth

of

of one per cent, and I therefore await further instructions.

In the meantime, allow me to suggest that as most if not all of the silver must be bought in the New York market would it not be the better policy to authorize the Asst Treasurer at New York, or the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, to make the proposed purchase, as they are on the spot, and could do so to the best advantage, and save the commission.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 6 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending February 6th 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 6th 5.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq
Coiner.

Sir;

It frequently occurs in receiving payment for Proof Sets that the Silver is much abraded. As the Cashier cannot receive such Silver in payment for Proof Sets, you are hereby requested to exchange it for new Silver, by weight, giving the Medal Clerk a memorandum of the difference in the weight between the abraded Silver and the new.

The said memorandum to be a voucher in his accounts for the loss arising from the receipts of abraded coin.

Very Respectfully Yours,
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Feby 6 5

Sir

In pursuance of your instructions of the 3d inst, I have had a conference with the Melter and Refiner, and find that he has kept a separate account of the grains which cannot be collected for individual deposits, and residual fluxes, and the sweeps of the deposit melting room; and those collected since the last annual settlement will be turned over to me; and hereafter they will be taken in charge by me and accounted for at the annual settlement.

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Melter and

Refiner, cordially acceding to the arrangement.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 8th 5

Mr. Chas Goddard.
Providence. R.I.

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th inst, I would inform you that the Mint does not keep old coins for sale. only proof setts of the current year. I enclose the card of a Coin Dealer from whom you may be able to procure the coins you desire. There are also Coin dealers in New York and Boston.

I enclose our Medal circular

Yours Respy
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Feby 8 5

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiries —

1. There are in the Mint Cabinet

Gold Coins	1004
Silver & billon	3076
Copper, bronze &c.	2317
	6397

2. The dies of the early American Medals were mostly procured in France. Medals of the War of 1812-15, and since, were made and struck here. Our records of particular medals are not full, as to their origin &c.

Very respy

your obt servt.

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Henry Carey Baird, Esq.
406 Walnut St.
Phila

Feb. 9. 5

Sir,

Your coin of Gordianus is no doubt genuine; altho' scarce, it is not so rare as to be counterfeited.

I presume the figure on the reverse is a personation of Eternity, and that the full legend is AETERNITATI AVG. That is, to the eternal glory of the emperor, or Augustus.

The S. C. means Senatus - Consulto; that is, struck by advice of the Senate.

Respectfully yours

L. R. Johnson Esq
Cambridge Cty, Ind

Feby 10 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the —— inst. received to day, I have to state that no U.S. coins are struck from dies after the expiration of the year of their date. The law prescribes that all obverse working dies at each Mint, shall, at the end of each calender year, be defaced and destroyed by the Coiner in the presence of the Supt and Assayer.

If you know of any out standing dies that have not thus been defaced, you should immediately report the fact to me that steps may be taken to have them destroyed.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. Wm R. Bradford.
East Somerville
Mass.

Feby 10 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst. I herewith enclose duplicate of No. 866. dated Feb 9th, from the Asst Treasurer U. S at Philadelphia in your favor, for $592,37 coin, being the nett proceeds of the recoinage of $600, (nominal value) light gold coin, forwarded by you on the 4th inst, for that purpose.

I have to request that you will send me a special acknowledgement of this remittance as my voucher.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 142

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

F. Haven. Jr. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
Boston

Feby 10 6

Sir

Your inquiry of the 9th inst, has been received.

The Mint is open to visitors every working day without any pass or introduction, from 9 A.M. to 12 M. Ushers are always in attendance to show visitors through the Institution and explain its operations.

The Mint is closed to visitors on all National Holidays, and during the annual settlement in July, also during the annual assay, which is now in progress, and will be concluded in time to permit our regular operations to be resumed on Saturday of this week.

Very Respy

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Geo. G. Kreamer.
[illegible]

Feby 11

Sir

By request of J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, I herewith forward duplicate C of D. No. 7828. Feby 10. in his favor from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia. for $88 7/10 coin. on a/c of deductions on Bullion deposits for 4th quarter 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 11 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of Jany 29th 1875, I herewith forward the triplicate Cfs No 7328, Feby 10, from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia in your favor, for $388 77 coin on a/c deductions on Bullion deposits for 4th quarter 1874. I also enclose Mint Memorandums Nos. 110 and 140.

The original and duplicate Cfs No 7328, I have mailed to the Director of the Mint, Washington D.C. as requested.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

J. L. L. Schirmer, Esq

Assayer, U.S. Mint

Denver.

Feby 13 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage of this Mint for week ending February 13. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 13 5

Sir

Please forward one barrel of Bone Ash, to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, via St. Louis, and the Kansas Pacific R. R. and when shipped, deliver duplicate bill of lading to me here. Also make out and present to me duplicate receipted bills against the Mint at Denver, which will be marked approved, and mailed to the Assayer in charge of the Denver Mint, who will remit you the amount.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Moro Phillips.
110 So Delaware Av.
Philadelphia

Feby 13 65

Gentlemen.

Please deliver to me at this Mint.

Two glass cocks for the humid assay apparatus of the U. S. Mint, at Denver, Colorado. Make out duplicate receipted bills against the Denver Mint, which I will mark approved, and send by mail to the Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, who will remit the amount to you.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.

Bullock & Crenshaw

528 Arch St

Philadelphia

Feb. 13. 5

F. A. W. Davis
Indianapolis, Ind
Silver forty five dollars, thirty cents.
Gold, seven dollars forty eight cents

Supt U.S. Mint

Collect - 45 cts

February 15. 5

J. A. W. Davis
Indianapolis, Ind.
There was only seven dollars and forty eight cents in gold.

Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint

Collected

February 15. 5

F. A. W. Davis
Indianapolis, Ind

Got wrong deposit. The correct amount is Currency Nine hundred & twenty six dollars. Ninety eight cents. Silver thirty three cents.

J. A. Powell

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Feby 16 1875

Sir

I have this day returned to the bullion fund of this Mint the amount of gold and silver coins reserved for annual assay for the year 1874. and tested before the Assay Commission held here Feby 10 and 11. 1875. Viz.

Gold.	$8607.00
Silver.	1320.15
Total.	$9927.15

I also hold subject to order the following gold and silver coins reserved for assay for same year at the Mints named below viz.

At San Francisco.

Gold.	$ 24.460.00
Silver: Trade Dollars.	1.306.00
" Sub coin	159.50
Total gold and silver.	$ 25.925.50

At Carson Mint

Gold	$ 2.800.00
Silver: Trade Dollars	710.00
" Sub coin	15.60
Total gold and silver.	$ 3.525.60

I also hold, as per report of Mr. Du Cass July 30th 1874 the following proceeds of special assay coins sent for assay to this Mint for the 6 months ending June 30. 1874. by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson. viz.

Gold	$ 145.00
Trade Dollars	6.00
Total.	$ 151.00

On the 31st of July 1874. I

requested Superintendent Hetrick to draw for the amount of the above special assay coins. It has not been done, and they are still in my possession.

Recapitulation.

Mint at San Francisco.

Gold and silver annual assay coins	$25.920.80

Carson City Mint.

Gold and silver annual assay coins.	3.525.60
" " " special " "	151.00
Total	$3.676.60

You will please notify the respective Mints to draw on me for the amounts to their credit, or direct the same to be deposited to their credit with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, or say in what way I shall dispose of the coins held by me.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Feb 15 5

Sir

The specimen of ore sent by you, is a red oxide of iron (hematite) which is much used in the manufacture of iron.

Resp'y yours

Mr Leonard Klinck
Princeville
Illinois

Feby 15 8

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst. was received to day.

The Mint does not keep old coins for sale, I therefore return the ten cents, currency, enclosed in your letter.

The bronze 2¢ pieces, and the silver 5¢ and 3¢ pieces, were abolished by Act of Congress, on the 1st of April 1873, and none have been coined since that date.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. Chas. L. Case.
Jamestown
N. Y.

Feby 10 5

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst was received this A.M.

There is no such article known as a "mineral rod," or any other apparatus to detect the precious metals: and for that reason I am not able to give you the price or tell you where to get it or how to use it.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Henry Muller.
Pocahontas
Randolph Co
Ark.

Feby 15 5

Sir

Your letter of – date was received this morning.

You are right in supposing that it would be illegal to reproduce old U. S. coins by casting, or any other process. There is an Act of Congress prohibiting all such operations under very heavy penalties, and it cannot legitimately be done even if they are merely intended to be preserved as curiosities, as you intended.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. Wm. R. Bradford.
East Somerville
Mass.

Feby 16 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 9th inst. came to hand to day.

Your deposit of three silver bars forwarded on the 8th of Dec last, by Wells Fargo & Cos Express, for coinage, was not accompanied or followed by any letter of instructions. The Express Agent had it coined as in former cases, and the proceeds held subject to your order, $2.565.66. To day upon receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, the coin was at once forwarded to H. B. Claflin & Co. New York, as per your directions. I enclose, for your information, Mint Memo. No. 417.

Very Respectfully

Messrs. Walker Bros.

Salt Lake City.

Feby 16 5

Sir

Please forward me a quantity of blanks for monthly reports of official postage stamps used and on hand.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Feby 16 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. I have to say that the Mint charge for assaying ores is $5. for each assay, in advance, and we only test for gold or silver. A sample of about a 1/4 pound is ample for the purpose, which can be sent by Express or mail. I am inclined to think that your discovery is only the sulphuret of iron, or iron-pyrites, which resembles gold somewhat.

Very Respy
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Ed. R. Adams.
Hartin Springs
Ky

Feby 11th 5

Sir

I will thank you to furnish me with an explanation of the manner in which you arrive at the result indicated in Invoice No. 9 for Trade Dollar pieces, our calculation varying therefrom some $20 —

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos C Acton
Supt Assay Office
New York.

Feby 16. 6

Sir

I have to day opened the proposals received up to yesterday, in reply to my advertisement of the 6th inst, for 1000 lbs Nickel, and 30.000 lbs Copper, for minor coinage, under the 29th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, and find them to be as follows

For Nickel.

Joseph Wharton $2.15 per lb, currency.
Van Wart & McCoy $2.80 " " gold.

With gold at a premium of say 14 per cent yesterday. Mr Whartons bid is about ten cents below that of Van Wart & McCoy, per lb.

For Copper.

Merchant & Co.	22 3/8	cents	per	lb
Nathan Trotter & Co.	22	"	"	"
Pope, Cole & Co	22	"	"	"
R. J. Gougeray	22 1/4	"	"	"
R. J. Gougeray	21 3/16	"	"	"

Mr. Gougeray's second bid at 21 3/16 per lb. is the lowest, and Mr. Wharton and Mr. Gougeray, being the lowest and best bidders, one for Nickel, and the other for Copper, they, with your approval, are entitled to the award under the law.

I herewith enclose the proposals for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

Feby 17 5

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst. requesting me to send you four specimens in copper of Bicknell's international coin, for use of Finance and Coinage Committees, has been received.

Enclosed you will find the coins desired.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 17th 5

Sir.

Referring to that portion of your letter of the 3d inst, stating that "(Bullion) from the Deposit Melting Room at San Francisco and Carson City is by a regulation of the Secretary of the Treasury held until after the annual settlement, and the proceeds then paid into the Treasury of the U. S." &c., I suppose you design to rescind your verbal instructions given something less than a year ago, when you decided that the proceeds of Grains & Sweeps from the Deposit Melting Room should be placed to the credit of the Profit & Loss a/c, to assist in the liquidation of Wastage and Loss on Sweeps, instead of paying the proceeds into the Treasury. At that time you concurred that such a course would be quite proper, and in settling the loss age of 1874-75 that mode was adopted to aid in closing the a/c. If that ruling has escaped your memory and on reconsidering the matter you see no objection to our continuing the system, I would strongly recommend the same. Otherwise your written instructions of the 5th inst will hereafter be observed.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Feby 17 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst, I herewith forward the duplicate b/d No 1886. Feby 16. for $941.25 coin. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia in your name, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. as a transfer of funds, the same being the proceeds of the recoinage of $953.00 light gold coin forwarded by you on the 11th inst. for recoinage. The, ~~[illegible]~~ original b/d had been transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to request that you specially acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed b/d, as my voucher.

I also forward duplicate Mint Memorandum No 171.

Very respectfully

Supt.

[illegible] Haven Jr. Esq

Asst. Treas. U.S. Boston.

Feby 17

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst. informing me that the Asst Treasurers at New Orleans, St Louis and Boston had been directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to forward to this Mint certain light gold coins for recoinage, has been received; but no direction was given as to the manner of disposing of the proceeds.

Since the receipt of your letter we have received from the Asst Treasurer at Boston $9588,52 light gold coin, which amount he says in his letter of advice, he has charged to the U. S. Treasurer as a transf of funds. From this information, and in accordance with previous practice in such cases, we deposited the proceeds with the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia, to the "credit of the U.S. Treasurer, as a transfer of funds, in the name of the Asst Treasurer at Boston."

Since making the deposit yesterday doubts have been expressed as to the proper course to be pursued. Was the deposit as made with the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia, "to the credit of the U.S. Treasurer as a transfer of funds from the Asst Treasurer at Boston," the intended and proper course? or was it the intention of the Secretary of the Treasury that the proceeds of these Eight gold coins should be added to our Bullion Fund? Please inform me at once, so that we may make the proper disposition of the proceeds of the coins to arrive from New Orleans and St Louis.

Having already made the deposit, I herewith forward the certificate No 1886, $941.25 which I will thank you to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury. The duplicate has been mailed to the Asst Treasurer at Boston.

I also enclose the Mint Memorandum No 171.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 17 5

Sir—

I have frequent inquiries as to how subsidiary silver coin can be procured at the Mint. Silver bullion continues also to be forwarded to the Mint, as heretofore, to be purchased and paid for in subsidiary silver coin, but the power to do so has expired by limitation, and I am without any instructions on the subject, other than the mandatory provisions of the first paragraph of the 28th section of the Coinage Act of 1873; and your letter of the 2d inst directing silver contained in gold deposits to be paid for in gold coin from our bullion fund at 112½ cents per standard ounce.

Shall I pay out subsidiary silver coins in exchange for gold coins, at par, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, as required by the Act? And what shall I do with silver bullion whose owners want subsidiary silver coin in return? Shall I propose to buy it with gold coin, and if so, at what rate per ounce standard? I will thank you for early and specific instructions on this subject for my guidance.

Would it not be well, also, to have the new regulations announced in the newspapers, for the information of the public, that depositors may be saved expenses and lost time through ignorance of the changes made by the law

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 17 5

Sir

I herewith forward the following statements for the month of January 1875.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of Domestic production.
3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 18th 5

Sir

Your proposal under date of the 18th inst. to supply to this Mint, free of expense, Thirty thousand (30.000) pounds Lake Copper, at twenty one and three sixteenths (21 3/16) cents per pound, being the lowest and best bid, and having received the approval of the Director of the Mint, is hereby accepted subject to the Mint assay.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. R. J. Gougeray.
No 102 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Feby 18 6

Sir

Your proposal under date of the 13th inst. to supply to this Mint, one thousand pounds Nickel, free of expense, at $3.15 per pound, currency, being the lowest and best bid and having received the approval of the Director of the Mint is hereby accepted, subject to the Mint assay.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Joseph Wharton, Esq
Camden
N. J.

February 18th 5

Geo. C. Thompson Esq
Agent Adams Ex Co
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

The proposition of Henry Sanford Esq, Genl. Supt Adams Express Co, for transporting Minor Coins, submitted by you, has been carefully considered, and I have come to the conclusion that it would be utterly impracticable to attempt to carry out its details.

It would require the labor of extra clerks and cause much trouble in calculating distances & values, from the fact that the orders come from nearly every principal town or city in the U.S. and nearly every order is for one, three & five cents (mixed) to be put in one bag.

Having given the subject a careful consideration & examined the Bills for transportation and the books of the Mint, I am satisfied that the Mint has been paying an exhorbitant price for this transportation.

I therefore make the enclosed proposition as being the most feasible and satisfactory in my judgment.

You will please forward this to Mr Sanford and should he approve of it and return it to you, I will forward it to Dr Linderman, the Director of the Mint, to be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt.

Feb. 19. 5

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

The U. S. "Official" valuation of the German Reichsmark, is 23.8, cents.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

C. M. Howlett, Esq.
Auburn, N. Y.

Feby 19 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 14th ult, relating to the verbal contract with the Adams Express Company, for the transportation of minor coins &c. I have to reply, that, in connection with Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Agent of the Company, I have given the subject a careful and full examination. At my request Mr. Thompson communicated with Henry Sanford, Esq. General Superintendent of Adams Express Company. (a copy of the letter of Mr. Thompson to Mr. Sanford is herewith enclosed, dated Jany 18. 1875.) and in response I received from Mr. Sanford through Mr. Thompson, the enclosed proposition (No. 1.) by the Adams Express Company, for the transportation of the minor coins. I carefully considered the proposition, and have arrived at the conclusion that it would be almost impossible to carry out its details. It would require the labor of extra clerks, and cause much trouble in calculating distances and values, from the fact that the orders come from nearly every principal town or city in the country east of the meridian of Omaha; and nearly every order is for one-three and five cents (mixed) to be put in one bag. In this opinion Mr. Thompson agrees with me.

I am satisfied, from a careful

examination of the bills for transportation of the minor coins, that the Mint has been paying too large a price for this service. I therefore made the enclosed proposition (No. 2) to Mr. Thompson, with request to forward the same to Mr. Sanford, which has been done. It is more feasible, and satisfactory than the proposition of Mr. Sanford, and will yield a fair and just compensation, for the service required. I believe Mr. Thompson agrees with me in this also.

When Mr. Sanford replies to my proposition, agreeing or disagreeing, I will forward the same to you for your action, and submission to the Secretary of the Treasury

If Mr Sanford consents to my proposition, and you think it right, a contract can be prepared at the Treasury Department, and executed by the proper parties in Washington.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Feby 20 5

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiries respecting the Library of this Mint, I have to state,

1. The Mint was established in 1793; and soon after, a few books were collected, having a bearing on this business, and on collateral matters. From time to time, the stock was very slowly increased.

2. A catalogue was made in 1868, at which time the number was somewhat over 800 volumes; but there are also a few books of frequent reference, in the various offices; making altogether not over 900 vols.

3. The general character of the Library

(if it is worthy of that dignity) is special, or technical; that is to say, proper to our position as a Mint, and as a part of the Government. Consequently, it consists mainly of works on Metallurgy, ~~and~~ Mineralogy, Numismatics, Currency; some old, some new; some in French, and German, but mainly in English. A large part consists in Congressional and Executive Documents; and the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Very respectfully
your obed't servant

Supdt.

Hon: John Eaton
Commissioner
Bureau of Education.

Feby 20 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending February 20th 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 20 5

Sir

Upon the nomination of the Coiner of this Mint, herewith inclosed, I have appointed William H. Cannon, a Cutter in the Coining Department at $2.90 per Diem, *vice* Samuel Murphy, resigned.

This appointment if approved by you, to take effect March 1. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Feby 20th 5

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter (S.G.) of the 17th inst returning for alteration Transcript No. 119. of the Recoinage &c.

In compliance with your request I herewith forward a new Statement of that &c. altered according to your instructions. In reference to these $600- Light Coin. from the Asst. Treas. at Boston I have to state that they were received and deposited in literal compliance with the instructions contained in the letter of that Officer dated Feby 11th, a copy of which I herewith enclose for your information. I had no other instructions from any quarter on the subject. Why it should not appear

in

in your account I do not yet understand.

The Mint only receives these light Coins as bullion, keeping nothing but an auxilliary account to show the loss for your convenience. If your Assistant Treasurers were more particular to state whether these transfers are for Treasury or other a/c's, both your Office and the Mint would be relieved of no little trouble.

The $953.50 was not received in time to appear in Transcript No. 4. You will find it reported in No. 5.

Very Respectfully Yours

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 20 6

Sir—

For reasons stated in a letter just received from Mr. R. J. Fougerary of this City, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, he is unable to comply with his accepted proposal to furnish 30.000 lbs Copper, for minor coinage, at 21 9/16 cents per lb. The next lowest bidders were Nathan Trotter & Co, of this City, and Pope. Cole & Co of Baltimore, at 22 cts per lb. I recommend that the Copper be awarded to them in equal proportions, 15.000 lbs each, at their bid, leaving the question of damages against Mr. Fougerary, for future consideration.

As the copper is needed, an early reply is desirable.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D C.

Feby 23 5

Sir

By order of the Director of the Mint, you will please prepare, at your earliest convenience, the following dies for the Mint at Carson, for the year 1875 – viz

Dimes, obverse 9. – Reverse 8.
Quarter dollars " 8. – " 6.
Half " " 7. – " 7.

Yours Respfly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver of the Mint.

Feby 20 5

Gentlemen

With the approval of the Director of the Mint, your proposal under date of the 16th inst, to supply to this Mint, 30.000 lbs ingot copper at 22 cents per lb, delivered free of expense, and subject to the Mint assay, has been accepted for one half the quantity viz. 15.000 lbs, the remaining half having been awarded to another bidder at the same price.

I will thank you to deliver the copper at your early convenience

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Nathan Trotter &c.
No. 36. N. Front St
Philadelphia

Feby 28 5

Gentlemen.

With the approval of the Director of the Mint, your proposal under date of the 19th inst, to supply to this Mint, 30.000 lbs ingot Copper at 22 cents per lb, delivered free of expense, and subject to the Mint assay, has been accepted for one half the quantity, viz. 15.000 lbs, the remaining half having been awarded to another bidder at the same price.

I will thank you to deliver the copper at your early convenience.

Yours Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.
Pope. Cole & Co.
Baltimore.
Md.

Feby 23d '5

Sir

The Director of the Mint has approved the appointment of Wm. H. Cannon, as a Cutter in the Coining department of this Mint, at $2.90 per diem. vice. Samuel Murphy resigned; to take effect March 1. 1875.

Yours Respy

Jas Pollock

Supt

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq

Coiner

Feby 25th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Ten (10.610) Dollars to reimburse you for Minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D C

Feby 24 6

Sir

I send you to day by Adams Express Company. the silver coins ordered in your letter of the 23d inst. (value $5.) for Senator Sherman.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Feby 24 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst. I herewith enclose C/D in duplicate. No 1909. Feby 23d. in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $1682.42 coin. being the proceeds of the recoinage of $1700. light coin. forwarded by you on the 16th inst. I will thank you for a special acknowledgement of the receipt of the C/D as my voucher. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No 187. in duplicate, one for yourself, and the other to be sent to the Treasury Department.

Very Respectfully

A. G. Edwards Esq
Asst. Treas. U. S.
St Louis

Pollock
Supt

Feby 25 6

Sir

I have increased the compensation of Henry. W. Syle assistant calculator in the Melting and Refining department of this Mint from $3.00 per diem. to $4.50 per diem from the 1st of March 1876. subject to your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb 25 5

Sir

The specimen you send is galena, a compound of lead with sulphur.

Respectfully yours

Supdt.

Mr James Nay
Harrisville
W. Va.

Feby 26 5

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the month of March, proximo, as follows:

For Salaries.	$6.000
" Wages	20.000
Total	$26.000

The increase in these two items, as compared with recent requisitions, is to put us always in possession of current funds to enable us to get along hereafter more comfortably. If this requisition can be honored as it stands it will be a special accommodation and my monthly requisitions, hereafter, for Salaries and wages can fall back to the amount granted in February.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 26 6

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 13th inst, together with the package by Express containing designs for the "Metis" medal, which were at once placed in the hands of our Engraver, Mr. Barber, with a view to the preparation of the dies as requested.

Upon a careful examination of the subject Mr. Barber suggests some essential modifications of the design, which meets my entire approval, and which I submit for your consideration. A copy of his letter on the subject is herewith enclosed.

I am of the opinion that the best size for the medal would be 2½ inches in diameter, and that all the lettering should be on the reverse, leaving nothing but the illustration on the obverse, without any lettering whatever. An examination of the 2½ inch photographed obverse, and pencilled reverse, herewith enclosed, will show at a glance, the simplicity and appropriateness of Mr. Barbers modified arrangement of the general design. As he suggests, the wreath and circular lettering can be so arranged as to give more space for the inscription in the centre, and leave ample room for every word required. I recommend this design as every way the best, and most artistic.

I also enclose for your consideration, a photograph of the obverse 3 inches in diameter, with an outside circular space for the inscription, "By resolution of Congress &c."

The cost of the medal in gold, 2½ inches in diameter, would be $190, for the gold alone. If the diameter be increased by half an inch, it would cost $100, more.

The half dozen photographs called for in your letter, will be taken and forwarded to you, as soon as you have determined upon the final design, and fixed the size.

Whatever plan you decide upon will be executed by

by Mr Barber according
to your wishes

very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 27 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Statement of Coinage executed at this Mint for month ending February 27. 1876.

Also, Coiners Weekly Statement of Coinage executed for week ending February 27. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Feby 27 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 26th inst, I have to state that the amount of silver in the Bullion Fund of this Mint is $958.972.97/100

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 27 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 26th inst, I herewith return Gold Report No. 1209. included in my Bullion accounts for the 4th Quarter of 1874. with the Assayers signature, which had been omitted.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 27 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing an inquiry from Mr. Wilson, a constituent of Hon. W. S. Moore, M. C. for pattern pieces of the proposed 20 cent silver coin, I have to state that our rule has been not to strike for sale specimen pieces of coins not authorized by law, without the sanction of the authorities at Washington. There have, therefore, been no pattern pieces struck of the coins referred to, except those forwarded to you for the use of the Finance Committee of Congress, and the cabinet and officers of the Mint. There have been none for sale.

Mr. Wilsons letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 27 5

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$551.067.28.
Silver	144.037.61.
Ord a/c regular.	14.654.02.
Minor Coinage	89.753.89.
" Coins Exchanged	1.175.66.
" " Re-issued	10.610.00.
" Coinage Redemption	101.347.11
	$912.644.96.

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1 5

Sir

Referring to your two letters on the subject of Feby 27th. I herewith return with the Assayers signature which had been omitted. Certificates of Gold Deposit Nos 1028, and 1255. Also Certificates of Silver Deposit Nos 393. and 406. of my Bullion accounts for the Fourth Quarter 1874.

I have given special instructions that I think will prevent such omissions hereafter.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

March 16

Sir

Your letter of the 24th of Feby. enquiring "whether copper or brass cards which are now in circulation, are lawful money;" has been received to day.

Such tokens are not lawful coin, and if they are issued and circulated as money the penalty, upon conviction, is a fine of one thousand dollars, and three years imprisonment, under the 62d Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
C. J. Bartholomew.
Rockton, Ill.

March 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, re-issued, and exchanged, at this Mint, during the month of February 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1 6

Sir

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury, a Statement of Minor Coinage operations at this Mint during the month of February 1876. and will thank you to forward it to its distination

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1 8

Gentlemen,

When may I expect to receive the 15,000 lb Copper, awarded to you, on your proposals, at 22 cts per lb? An early delivery is requested.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs

Nathan Trotter & Co.

No. 36 N. Front St

Philadelphia

March 1 5

Sir

Your letter of Feby 20th complaining of the returns from a deposit recd from you Feby 6th was duly received.

The deposit in question was extremely bad, much worse however than it appeared to be, when first seen, and it required continued and repeated melting to fit it for deposit, even then the assayer required it to be again melted and fluxed before they could assay it. The grains were carefully gathered after every melting and fluxing and the whole finally melted into one small bar. The losses were perfectly correct and unavoidable from the nature of the deposit, but there was no special loss of precious metal, either gold or silver. because we took great pains to avoid loss for the depositor, more than was essential for fitting the bullion for deposit.

My answer had been delayed by the temporary absence of our Melter and Refiner.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
M. Goldsmith
Lexington
Ky.

March 1 5

Sir:

I have to report that Thomas. W. Simpson. in the Melter and Refiners department employed in the sweeps cellar. at $2.50 per diem, has resigned, to take effect February 27. 1875. and his resignation has been accepted.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar. 9th 5

Sir:

In settling with Dealers for payment of deposits it is sometimes impossible to so adjust them as to avoid the payment of a sum ranging from 1 to 3 Dollars in Coin. To pay these sums in Trade Dollars would cause more or less confusion to the of their Books and accounts. I would respectfully suggest, that while the law prohibits the issue of the Subsidiary Coin in any other way than for Gold, that some license is necessary to enable us to meet _unavoidable emergencies_, as the above Subsidiary Coin must of course be used to pay all sums _under_ one dollar, but it would seem proper that some authority should be given to allow of the use of the Coins in _unavoidable cases_. I submit the matter for your consideration, and

if

if you see no objection would request authority so to act.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

Mch 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 1st inst I have to state that I have not been able to make any purchases of silver in this market as authorized by your letters of January 18. and February 3. 1875. My latest inquiry on Third Street being of this date. It is not to be had here even in small quantities at the price to which you limit me.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 2 5

Sir

By order of the Director of the Mint, received this day by Telegraph, you will prepare, as soon as possible, the following dies for the Mint at San-Francisco.

Half Dollars.	Obverse	6.	reverse	6.
Quarter "	"	6.	"	6.
Dimes	"	6.	"	6.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr Wm Barber.
Engraver

March 3 5

Sir:

Your telegram and letter of the 2 d inst. have been received, ordering the following dies for the Mint at San Francisco, Cal.

Half Dollars, six obverse; six reverse;
Quarter Dollars, six do. six do.
Dimes six do. six do.

They will be made and forwarded without delay.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 3. 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 13th ult. I herewith forward the Report of Prof. Booth, our Melter and Refiner, on the causes of the large number of ingot melts condemned at this Mint in comparison with the results of other U.S. Mints. The Report has been prepared with great care, after a full and exhaustive examination of the subject. The Report and the tables accompanying it will be found useful, interesting and satisfactory.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Mch 3 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 2d inst. I have to state that the Mint has no use for the alloy of copper and nickel referred to in your letter, and could not, therefore, buy it back again.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

E. S. Holbrook, Esq.
Receiver &c
130. So. Del. av.
Phila.

May. 3d 5

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for February 1875.

I would direct your attention to Voucher No. 54 in this a/c, containing duplicate bills of expenses of M. A. Davis. There appears to be no receipt attached to these vouchers. Please have Mr. Davis complete them and return the duplicate for our files.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mch 3 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst, asking an estimate of the cost of gold, silver and bronze medals from the "Toner" dies, in the hands of Mr. Barber, I have to say that the cost of a gold medal will be from $50. to $55. payable in gold coin, the cost depending upon the amount of gold used. It will contain $42 to $46 in pure gold. The cost of a silver medal will be $2.50 to $3.00. in coin. according to the amount of silver used. The cost of a bronze medal will be 50 cts. currency. Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

March 4 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 1st inst. was duly received, but as Mr. Hasseltine was absent in New York on business, I could not reply immediately.

He informs me this morning that he will attend to your matter to day or to-morrow

Very Respectfully
Jas Pasvod
Supt

Messrs.
Kimmel Bros.
Wiconisco
Pa

March 4 5

Sir,

The five-cent piece sent by you has been inspected by the experts here, and is pronounced good. There is nothing suspicious about it.

A man might easily have a bag of new pieces, all of the same date. That is the way we usually send them out.

The piece is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

F. D. Heald Esq.
P.M. Greenville N.H.

March 11th 5

Sir.

Your letter of yesterday covering Transfer Order No. 2635 for $72.709.77 dated March 1st 1875 in favor of the Adams Express Co, to cover a transfer of fine Silver to this Mint on the 19th ulto. for credit of the Bullion Fund, and which you request me to indorse, is received

After due reflection I cannot but feel that such an action on my part would be quite unjustifiable, for several reasons.

First. The order is drawn in favor of the Express Co. by the Department. That Company declines, as you say, not properly to indorse it, and I cannot see that I should not take similar ground for a like reason.

Secondly - It is dated March 1st, 9 days

days after the Bullion was received at the Mint. The Express Co have my receipt for the same dated Febr 19th.

Thirdly. I am advised by the Director of the Mint under date of February 26th that for the above mentioned Bullion no Transfer Order would be issued, and am instructed to add it to our Bullion Fund without such Transfer Order, which was done March 1st.

While I am perfectly willing and desirous to expedite business when regular, I believe the proper plan in the present case would be to either return the Transfer Order to Washington and have it corrected as to each endorsement, or annul it altogether, as advised by the acting Director.

I respectfully return the Transfer Order.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. T. C. Acton
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

Mch 5 5

Sir:

The Assayer of the New York Assay office reports the following as the result of the assay & test of sample coins from this Mint. for February 1875.

	Weight.	Silver.	Gold
Half Dollar.	192.7	899.6	.2
Quarter do	96.55	900.	.1
Dime	38. 5	900.	2

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Wm E. DuBois.
Assayer

Mch 5 5

Sir

I learn from the Melter and Refiner that we need a further supply of Zinc and Tin for Minor Coinage purposes, owing to an increased demand since my last advertisement, for these metals.

I think we ought to have not less than two thousand (2000.) pounds of each, and with your approval, I propose to advertise for that amount, under the 29th Section of the Coinage Act.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Mch 5 5

Sir

While here in February, Mr. Schirmer, Assayer of the Mint at Denver, left an order for 1 Bbl bone ash, and 2 glass stop cocks, to be shipped via the Kansas Pacific R. R. This has been done, and the goods shipped as directed, the glass ware having been packed in the barrel of bone ash. I herewith forward for payment, duplicate receipted bills, duly approved, as follows,

Moro Phillips	$78.00
Bullock & Crenshaw.	2.50

I also enclose original and triplicate freight receipts of the Penna. R. R. Co.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Mch 5 5

Sir

One barrel bone ash. and two glass cocks ordered by you on the 13th of Feby were shipped to you in one package, via the Kansas Pacific. R. R. on the 24th of Feby. ultimo. The bills have been forwarded to the Director of the Mint for payment.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

J. F. L. Schirmer Esq
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver.
Col.

March 6 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending March 6. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

March 6 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 28th of February ultimo. I herewith forward B/D in duplicate. No. 1948. March 6. in your name, from the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at Philadelphia, for $43.411.44/100 coin. on a/c of transfer of funds, being the proceeds of the recoinage of $46.693. light gold coin forwarded to the Mint by you Feby 26. I will thank you for a special acknowledgement of the receipt of the B/D. as my vouchers, I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 221. in duplicate, one for yourself, and the other for the Treasury Department

B. F. Flanders. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
New Orleans.

Very Respectfully
Supt

March 6th 5

Sir.

I hand you herewith Transcripts No. 52 for the week ending this day.

The item $72.709.77 Silver received from the Assay Office has been placed to your credit in the Bullion Fund by authority of the Director of the Mint given under date of 26th ult. a copy of the same being herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

P.S. The sum above stated stands .05 less in the Director's letter; probably an oversight.